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## THE HEDGEHOG

# 50



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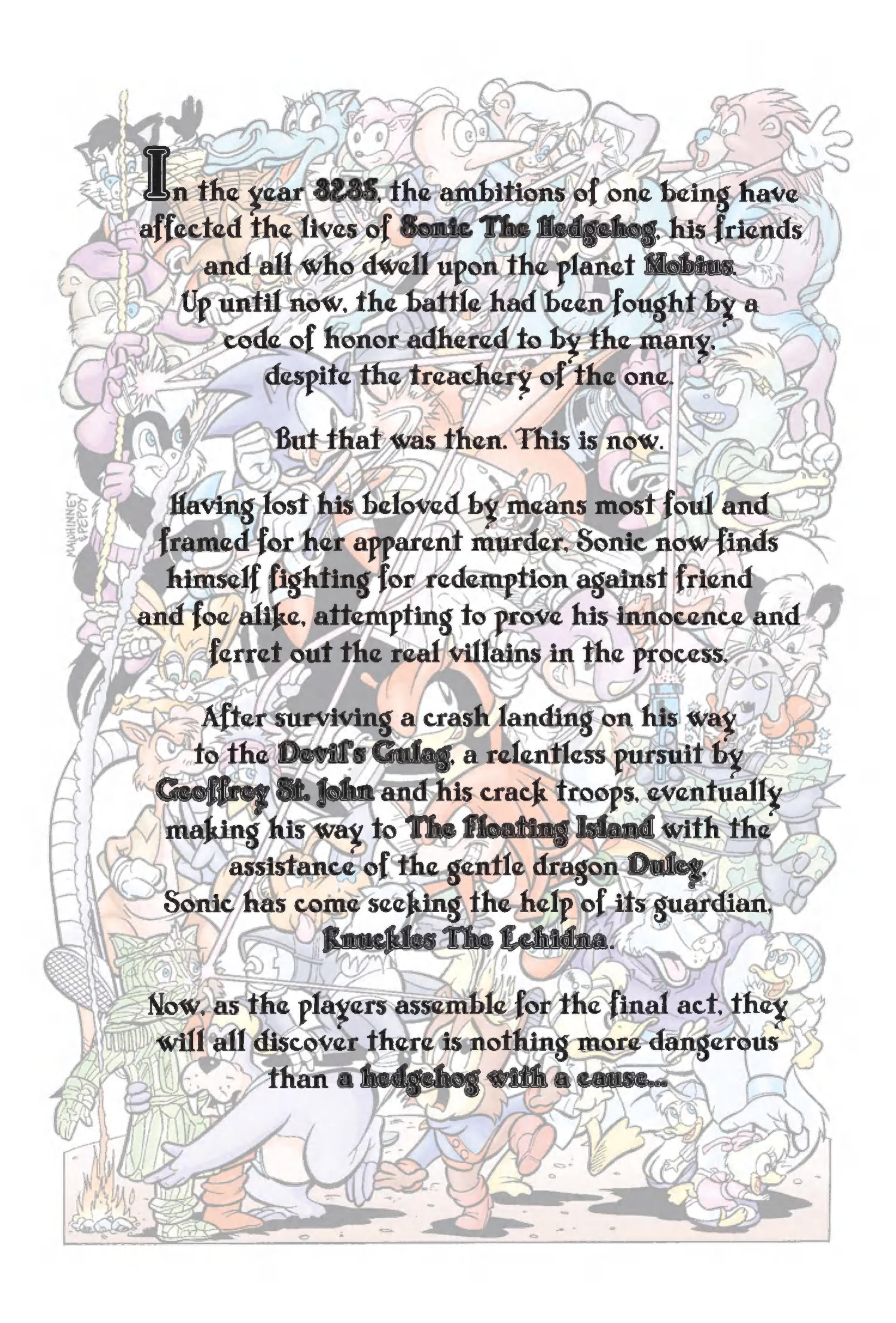
**Howdy, folks! Sega Man Nebz Shady here! The following is a different version of the original story. Issue 50 WAS meant to have more pages than usual, but then they ran outta pages for the full story. This version of “The Big Goodbye” is from Sonic Super Special #6. Thus making the original version Non-Canon. I WILL show you the credits of both versions. But for now, ENJOY!**

## **THE COVER FOR SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6**



**By Patrick “Spaz” Spaziante**





**I**n the year 3235, the ambitions of one being have affected the lives of **Sonic The Hedgehog**, his friends and all who dwell upon the planet **Mobius**.

Up until now, the battle had been fought by a code of honor adhered to by the many, despite the treachery of the one.

But that was then. This is now.

Having lost his beloved by means most foul and framed for her apparent murder, Sonic now finds himself fighting for redemption against friend and foe alike, attempting to prove his innocence and ferret out the real villains in the process.

After surviving a crash landing on his way to the **Devil's Gulag**, a relentless pursuit by **Geoffrey St. John** and his crack troops, eventually making his way to **The Floating Island** with the assistance of the gentle dragon **Duley**.

Sonic has come seeking the help of its guardian, **Knuckles The Echidna**.

Now, as the players assemble for the final act, they will all discover there is nothing more dangerous than a hedgehog with a cause...



JULIAN, OF THE  
HOUSE OF IVO,  
PREPARE TO BE  
PUNISHED!

I'M AFRAID  
I BADLY MIS-  
CALCULATED!

ZAT

ZAT

THE SCHEME  
WAS PERFECT, BUT  
THE TIMING  
WAS--

DID  
YOU GET HIM,  
LONDO?

I DON'T  
SEE HIM,  
JAKKAR!

HE'LL WANT  
OUR HEADS IF  
WE CAN'T BRING  
BACK JULIAN'S,  
THAT'S FOR  
CERTAIN!

OOOF!

SPA-LAASH

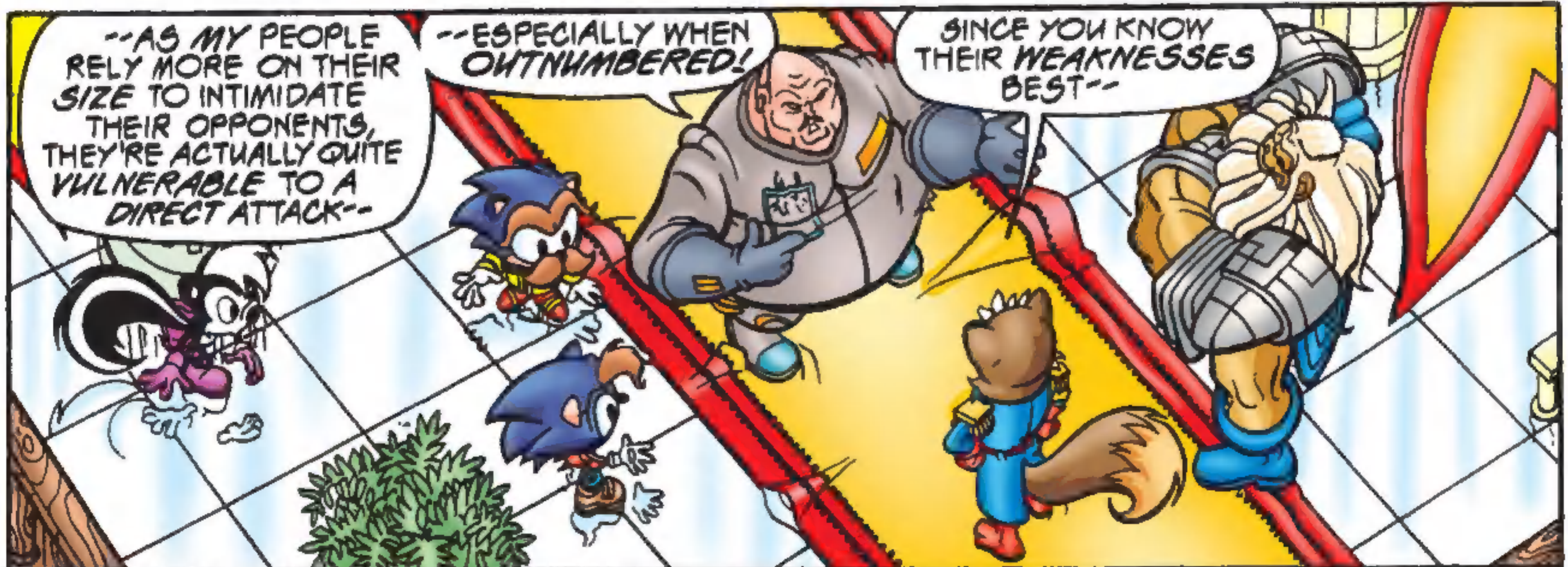
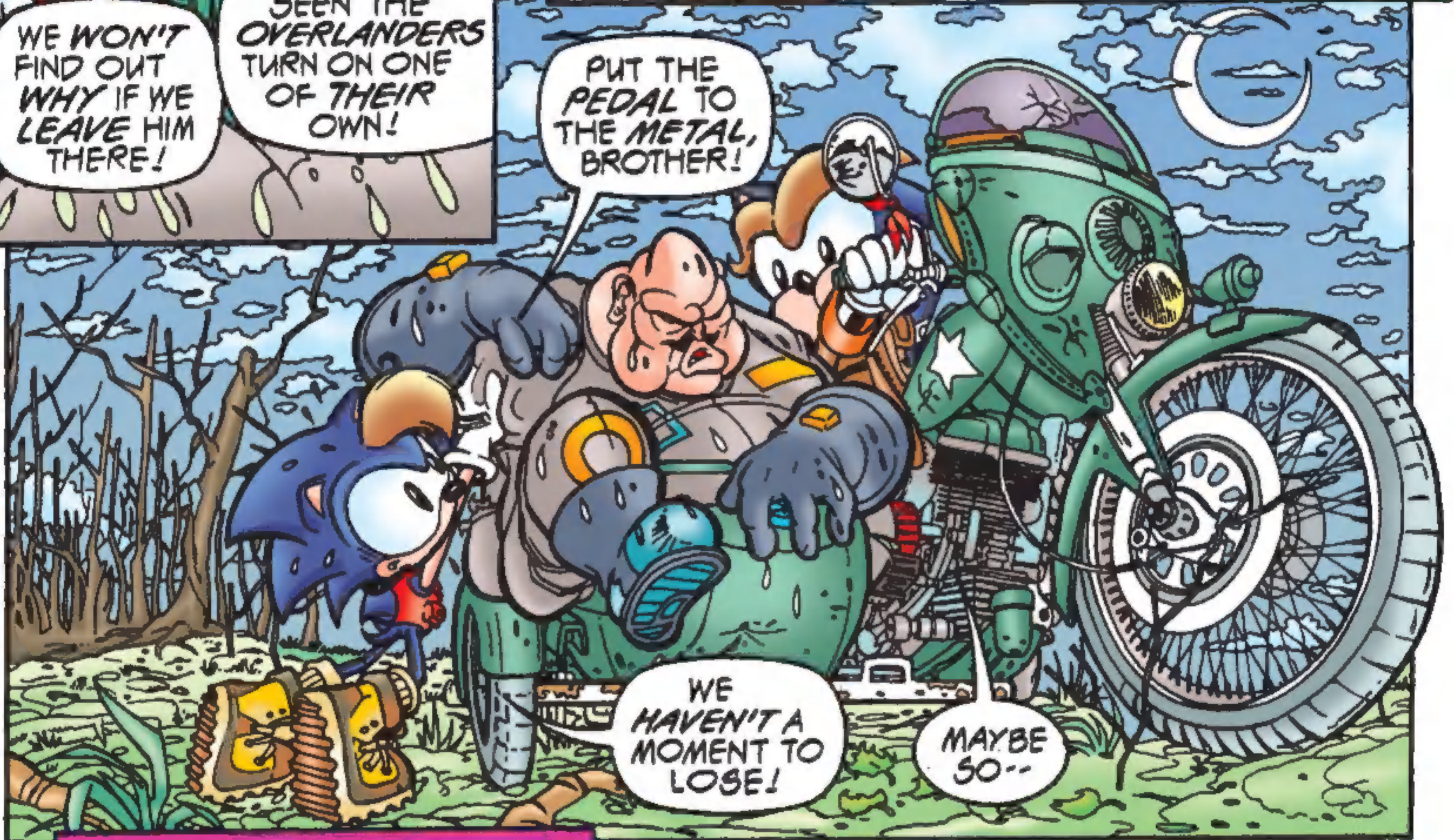
HE MUST BE  
STILL RUNNING  
SOMEWHERE UP  
AHEAD!

YOU KNOW  
THE MINISTER  
WON'T TOLERATE  
FAILURE!

THIS  
WAY!

BUB  
BUB  
BUB







"--IT SEEMS YOU'RE THE LOGICAL CHOICE TO LEAD THE TROOPS, WARLORD JULIAN!"

AT MY  
COMMAND--

THIS IS  
INSANE, JULES!  
HIM LEADING  
US!

I'M SURE KING  
ACORN HAS HIS  
REASONS,  
CHARLES!

"FOR THE  
KINGDOM!"

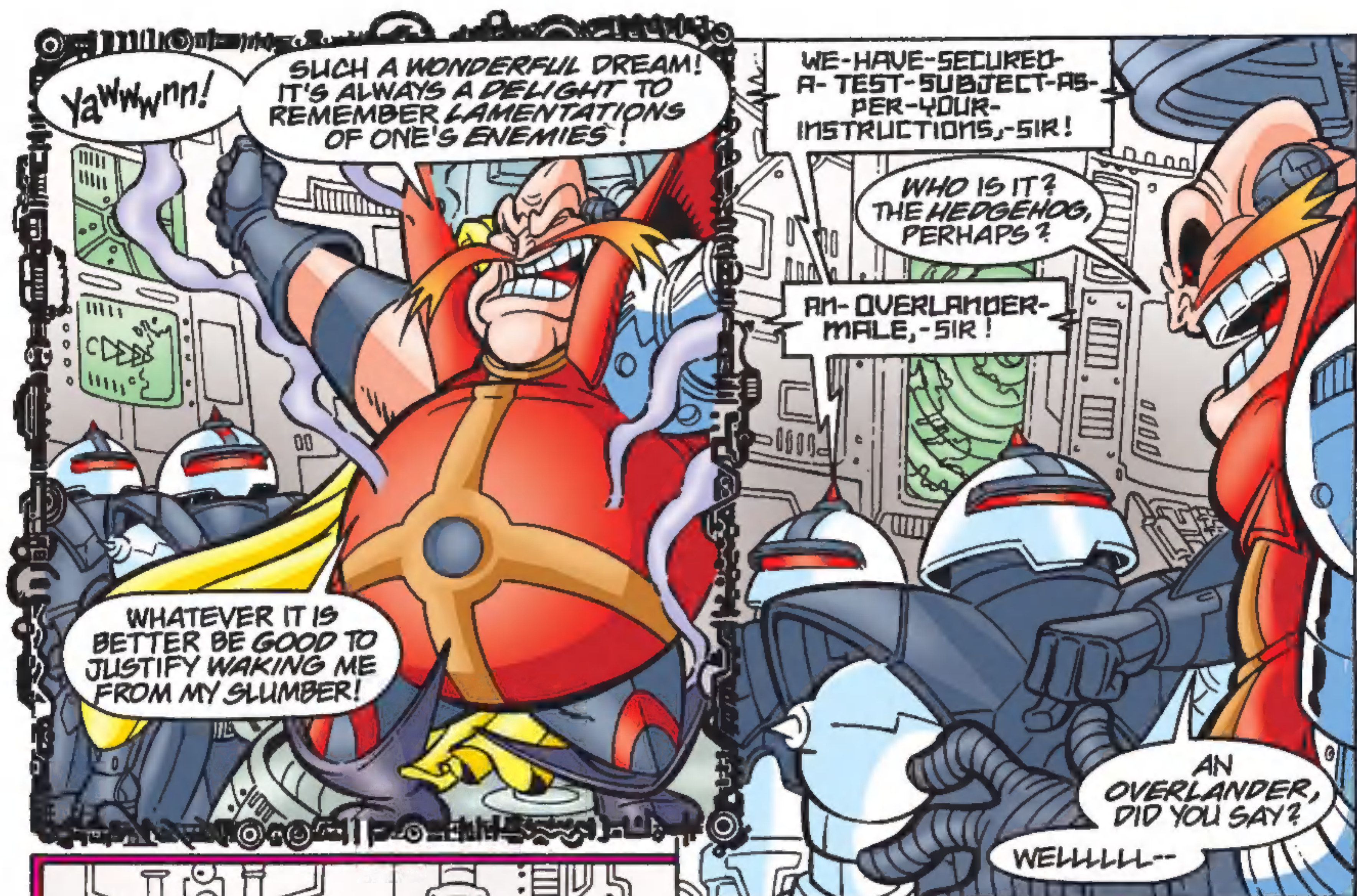
THE-MONITOR-  
READINGS-ARE-  
SHOWING-THE-  
DOCTOR-MORE-  
EXCITED-THAN-  
USUAL!

IT-MUST-BE-  
A-REALY-GOOD  
DREAM!

UNFORTUNATELY--

--IT'S-TIME-TO  
AWAKEN-HIM. CARE-  
TO-DO-THE-  
HONORS?





Yawnnnn!

SUCH A WONDERFUL DREAM!  
IT'S ALWAYS A DELIGHT TO  
REMEMBER LAMENTATIONS  
OF ONE'S ENEMIES!

WE-HAVE-SECURED-  
A-TEST-SUBJECT-AS-  
PER-YOUR-  
INSTRUCTIONS,-SIR!

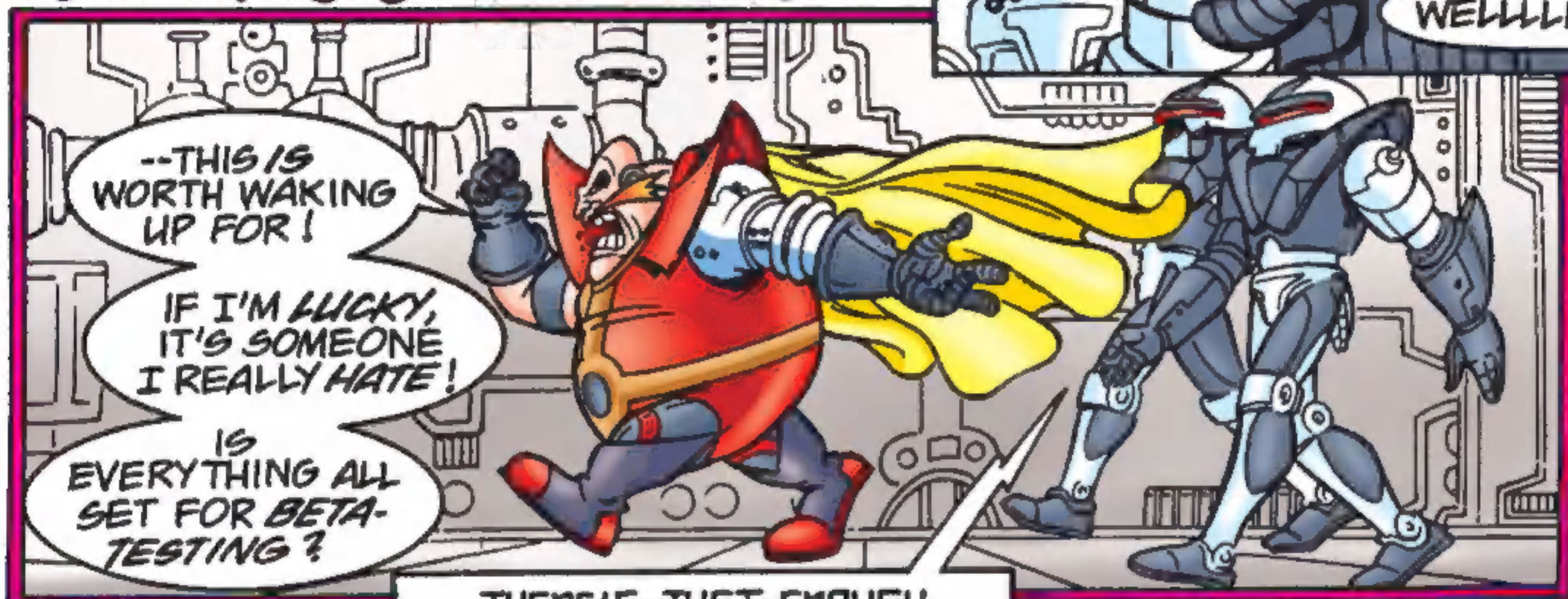
WHO IS IT?  
THE HEDGEHOG,  
PERHAPS?

AM-OVERLANDER-  
MALE,-SIR!

WHATEVER IT IS  
BETTER BE GOOD TO  
JUSTIFY WAKING ME  
FROM MY SLUMBER!

AN  
OVERLANDER,  
DID YOU SAY?

WELL...--

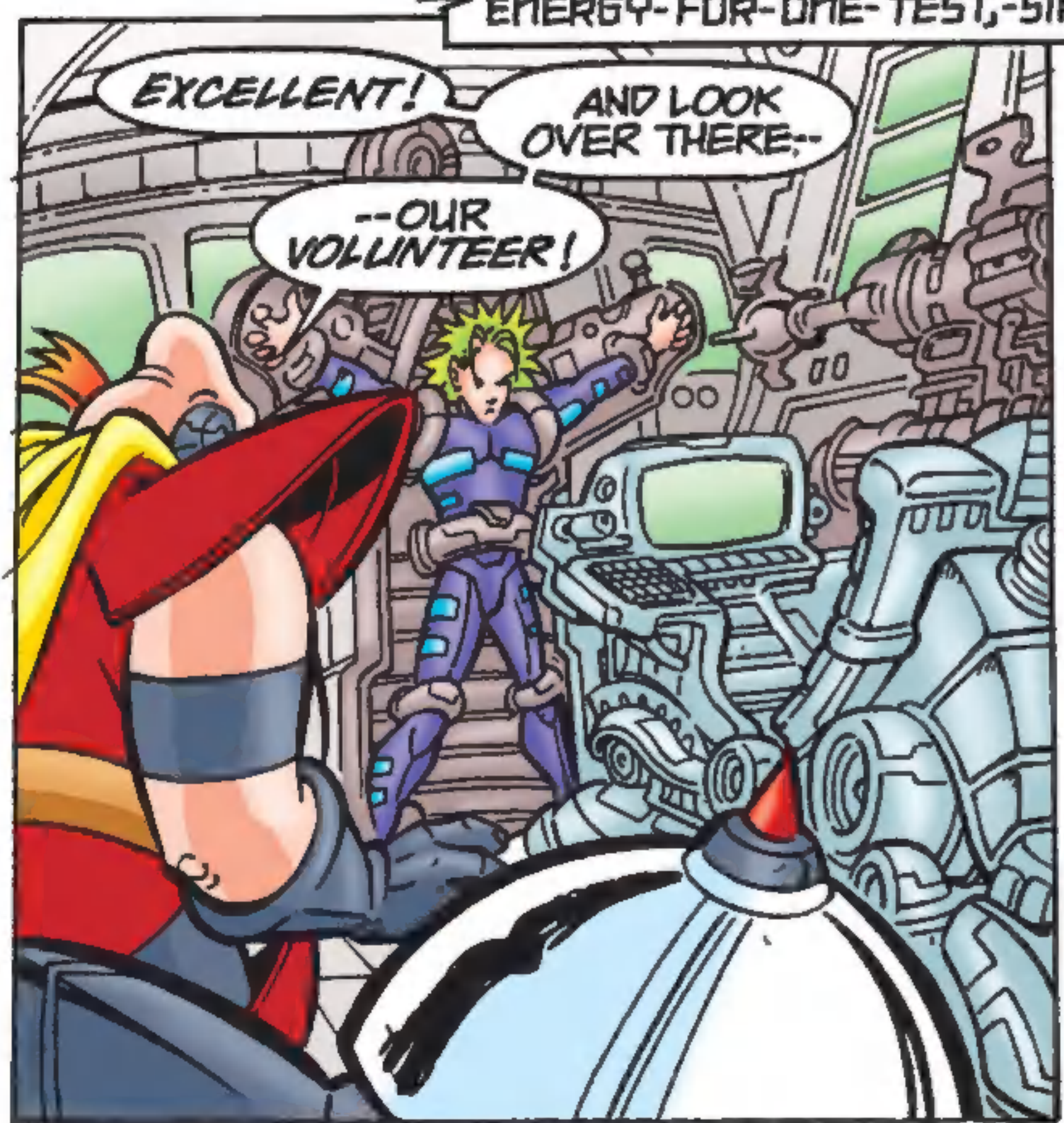


--THIS IS  
WORTH WAKING  
UP FOR!

IF I'M LUCKY,  
IT'S SOMEONE  
I REALLY HATE!

IS  
EVERYTHING ALL  
SET FOR BETA-  
TESTING?

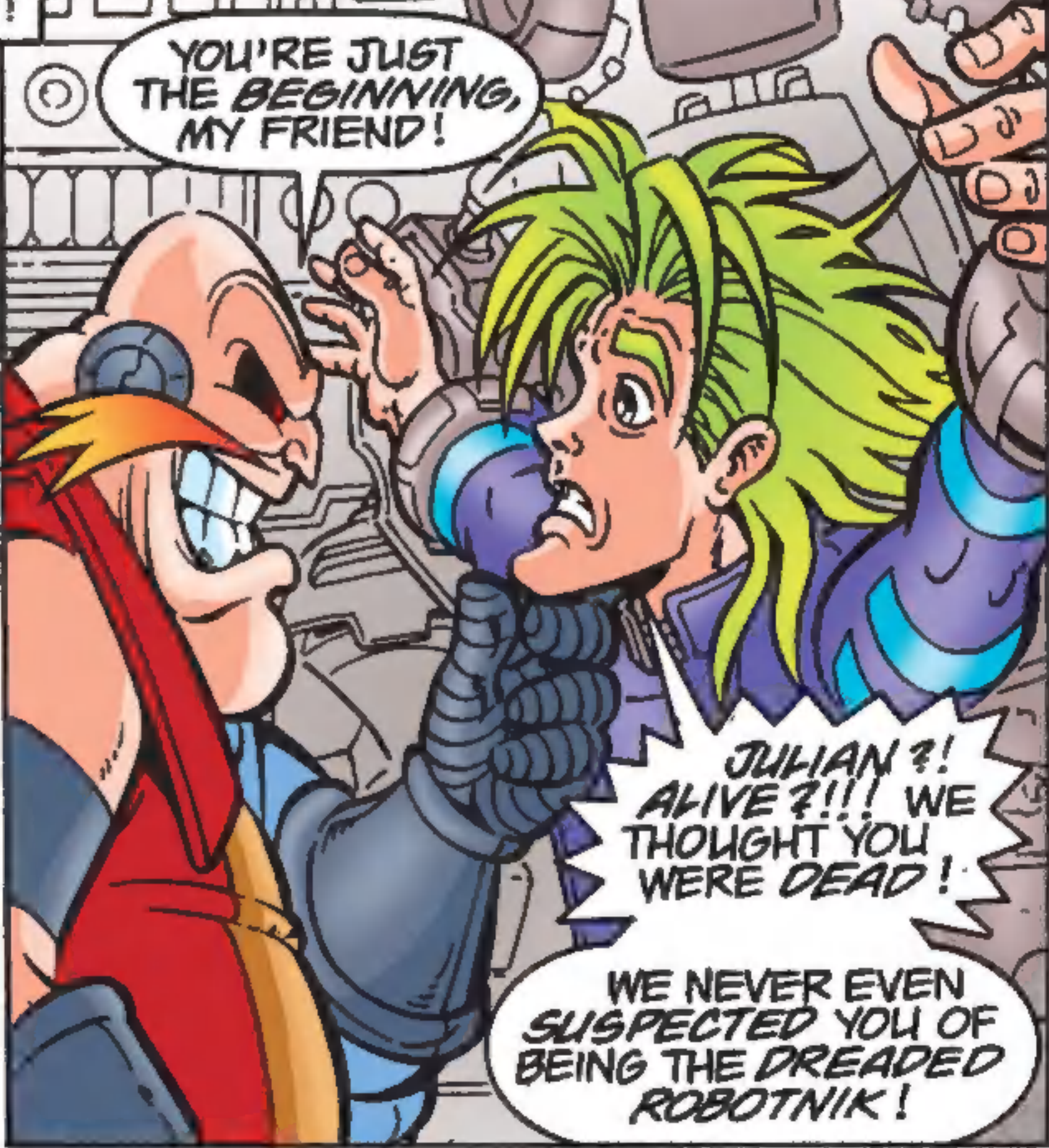
THERE'S-JUST-ENOUGH-  
ENERGY-FOR-ONE-TEST,-SIR!



EXCELLENT!

AND LOOK  
OVER THERE--

--OUR  
VOLUNTEER!

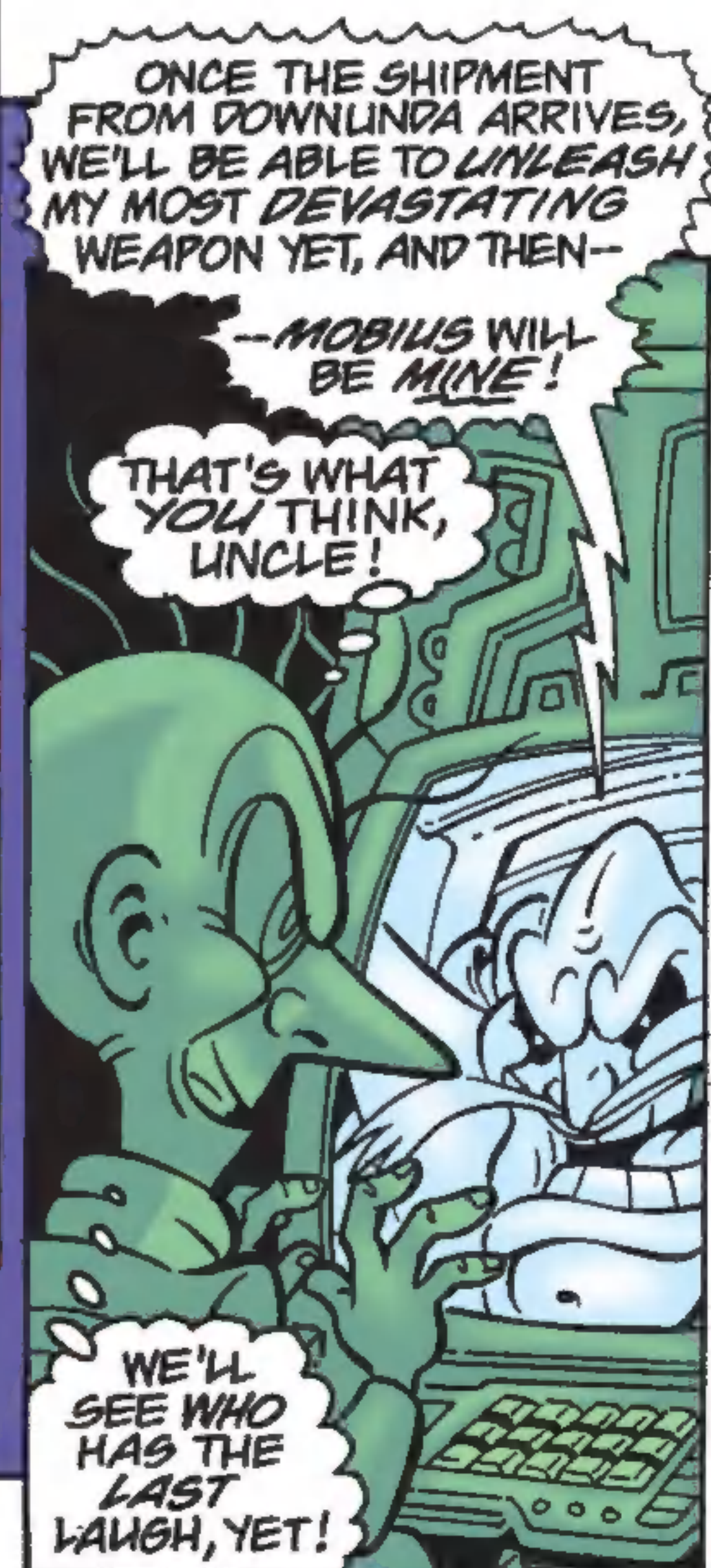
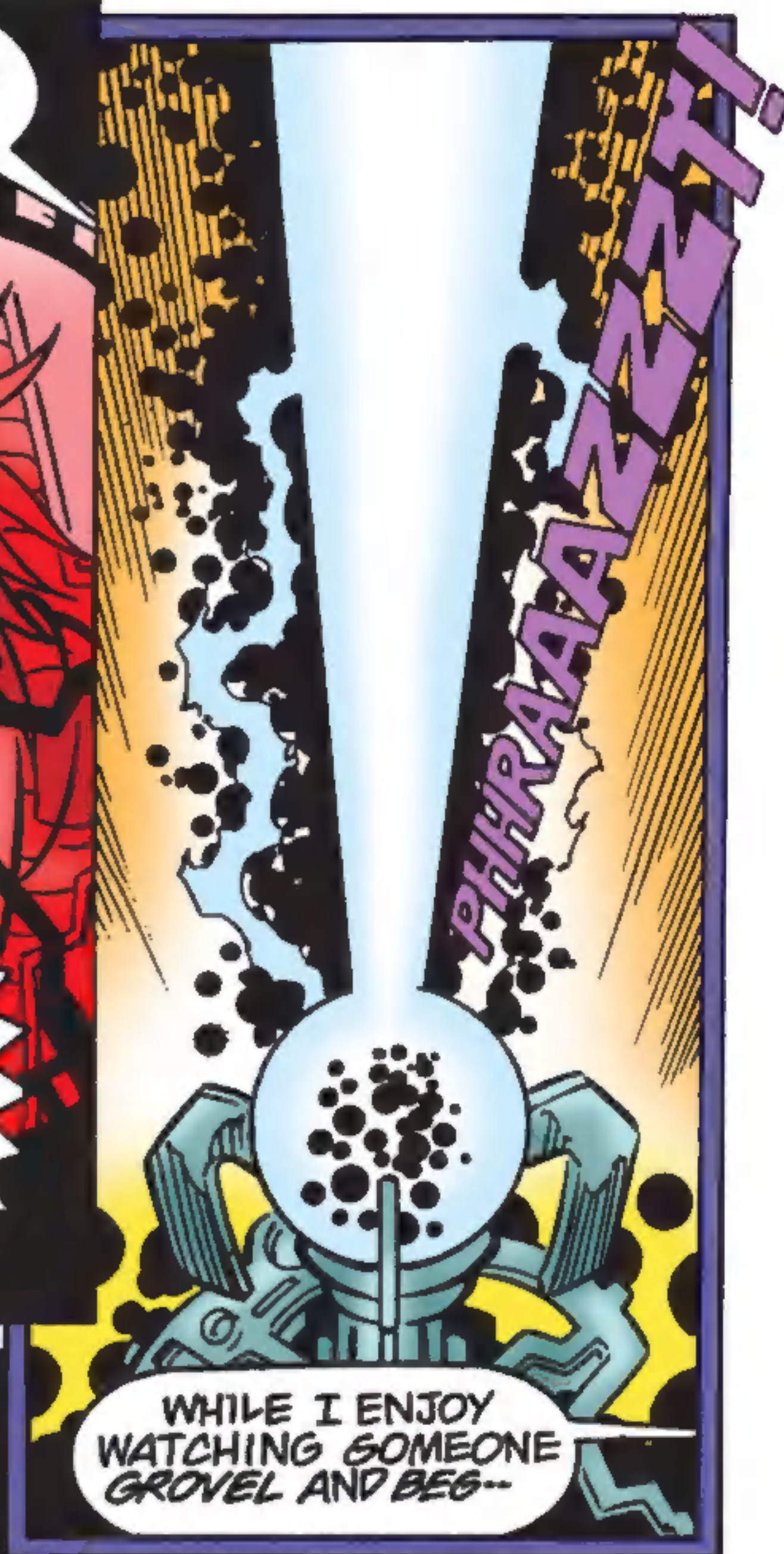
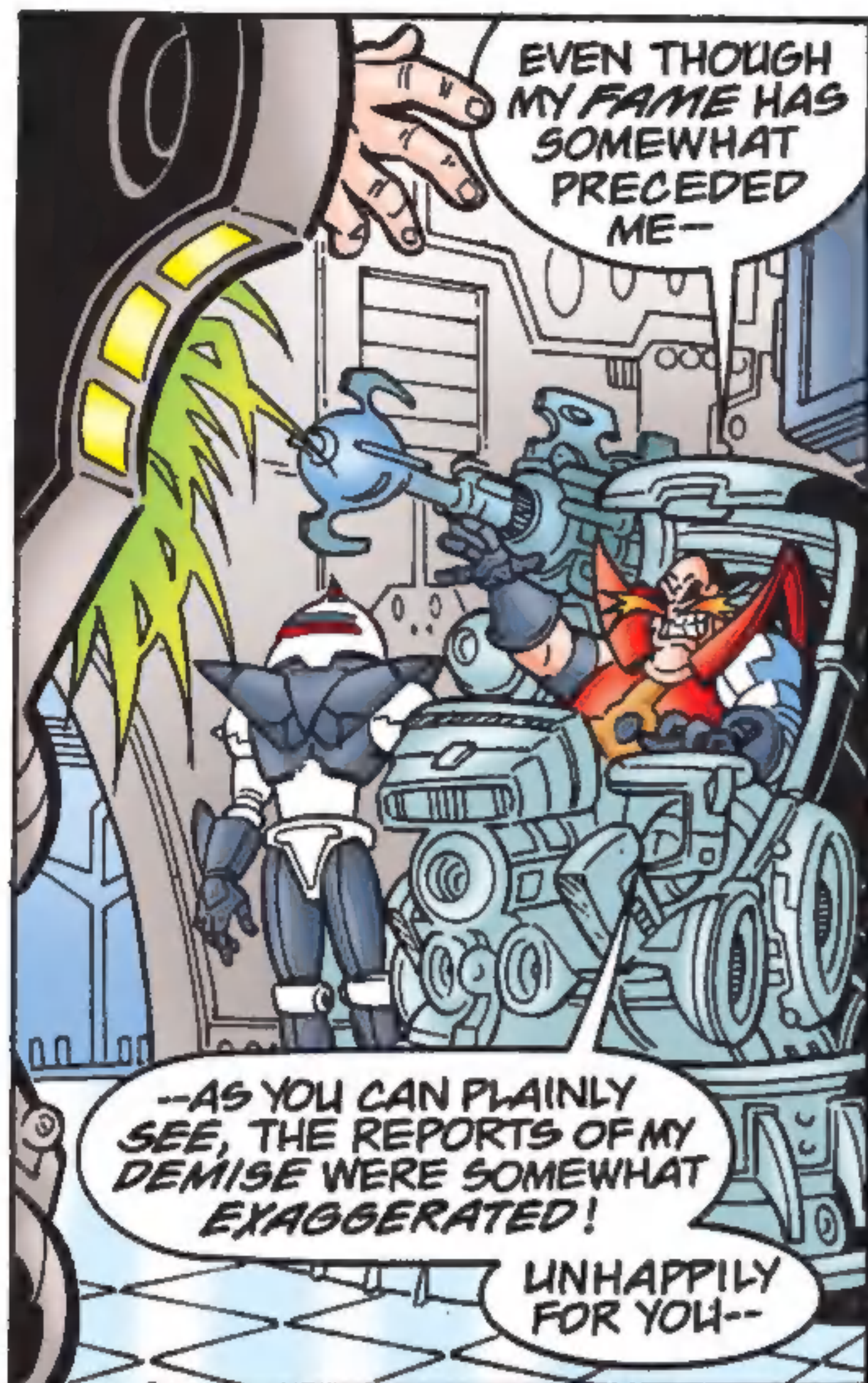


YOU'RE JUST  
THE BEGINNING,  
MY FRIEND!

JULIAN?!  
ALIVE?!?! WE  
THOUGHT YOU  
WERE DEAD!

WE NEVER EVEN  
SUSPECTED YOU OF  
BEING THE DREADED  
ROBOTNIK!







# FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS!

LISTEN UP, KNUX!  
I NEED YOUR HELP TO  
CLEAR MY NAME! I'M  
BEING FRAMED!

AS PERSONAL GUARD  
TO KINGACORN OF MOBIUS,  
I DEPUTIZE AND COMMAND  
YOU TO HELP ME BRING  
PRINCESS SALLY'S ASSASSIN  
TO JUSTICE!

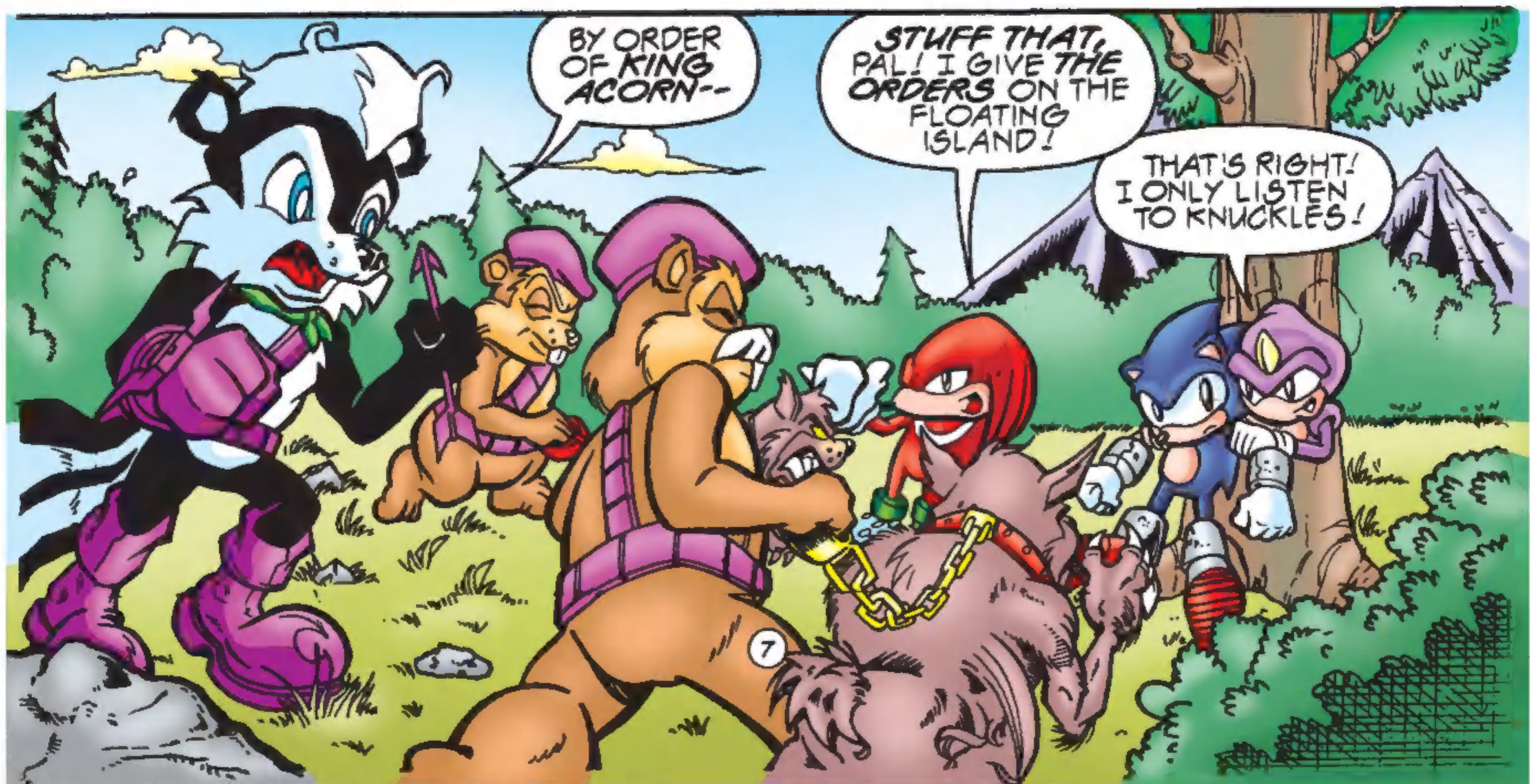
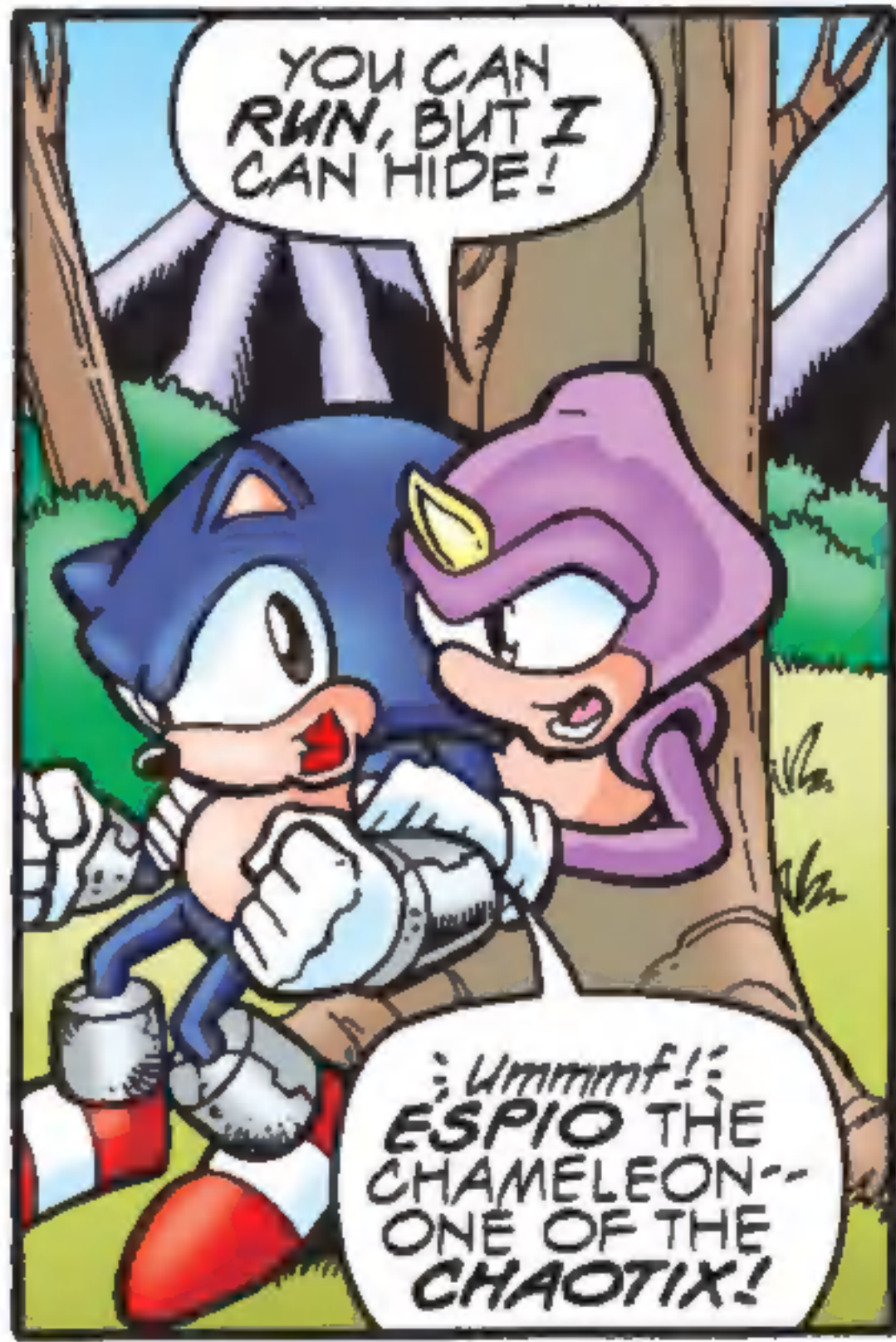
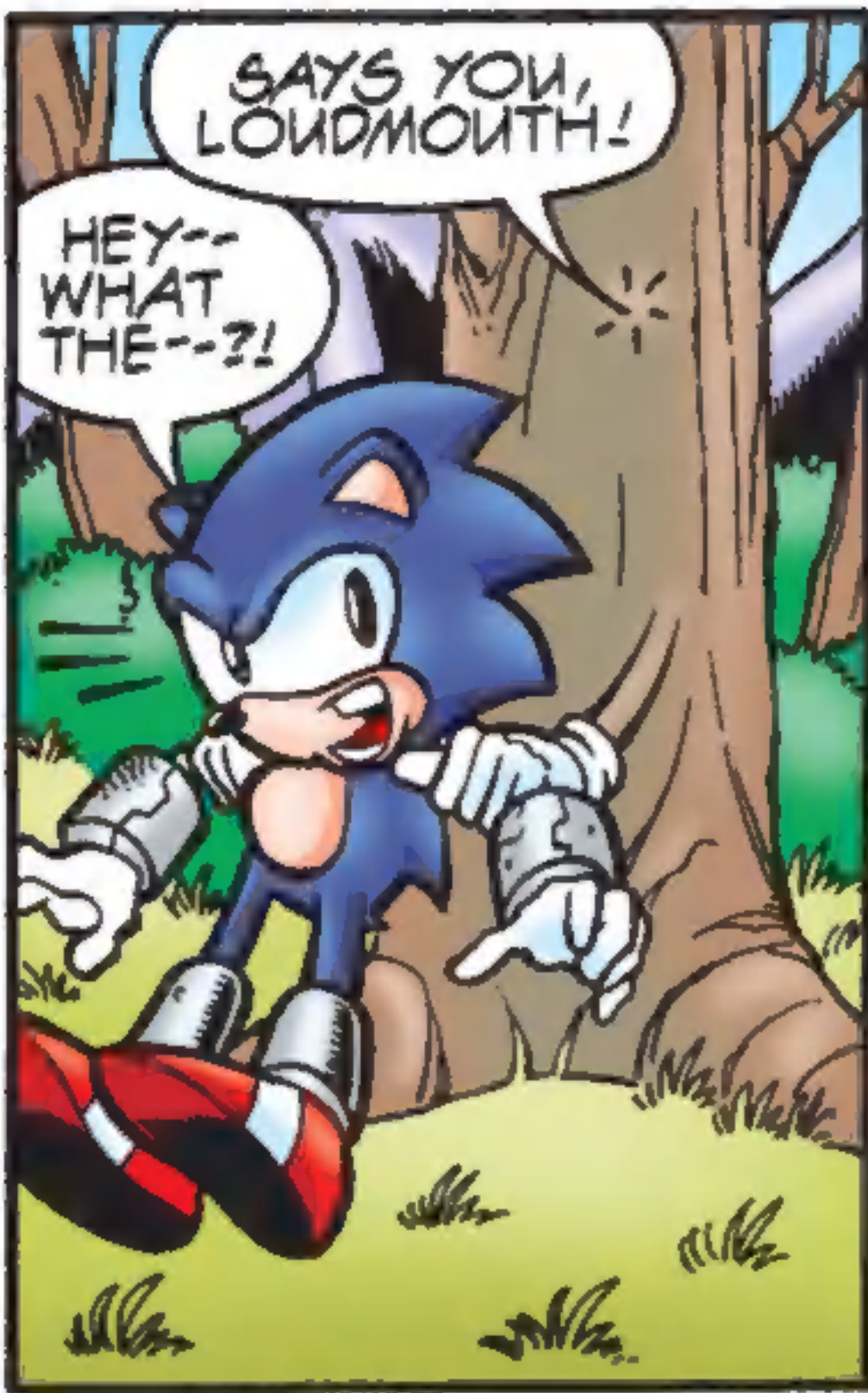
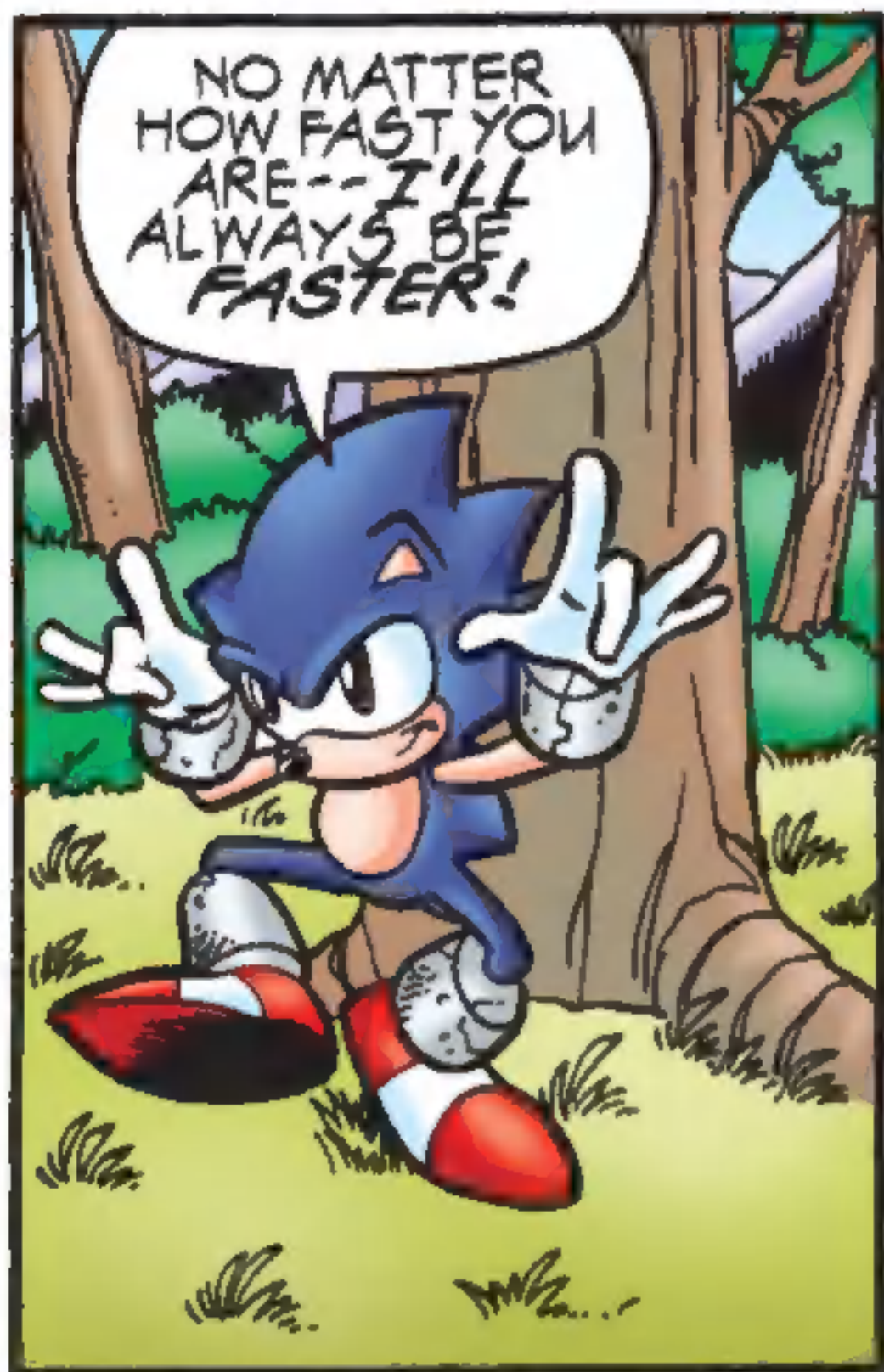
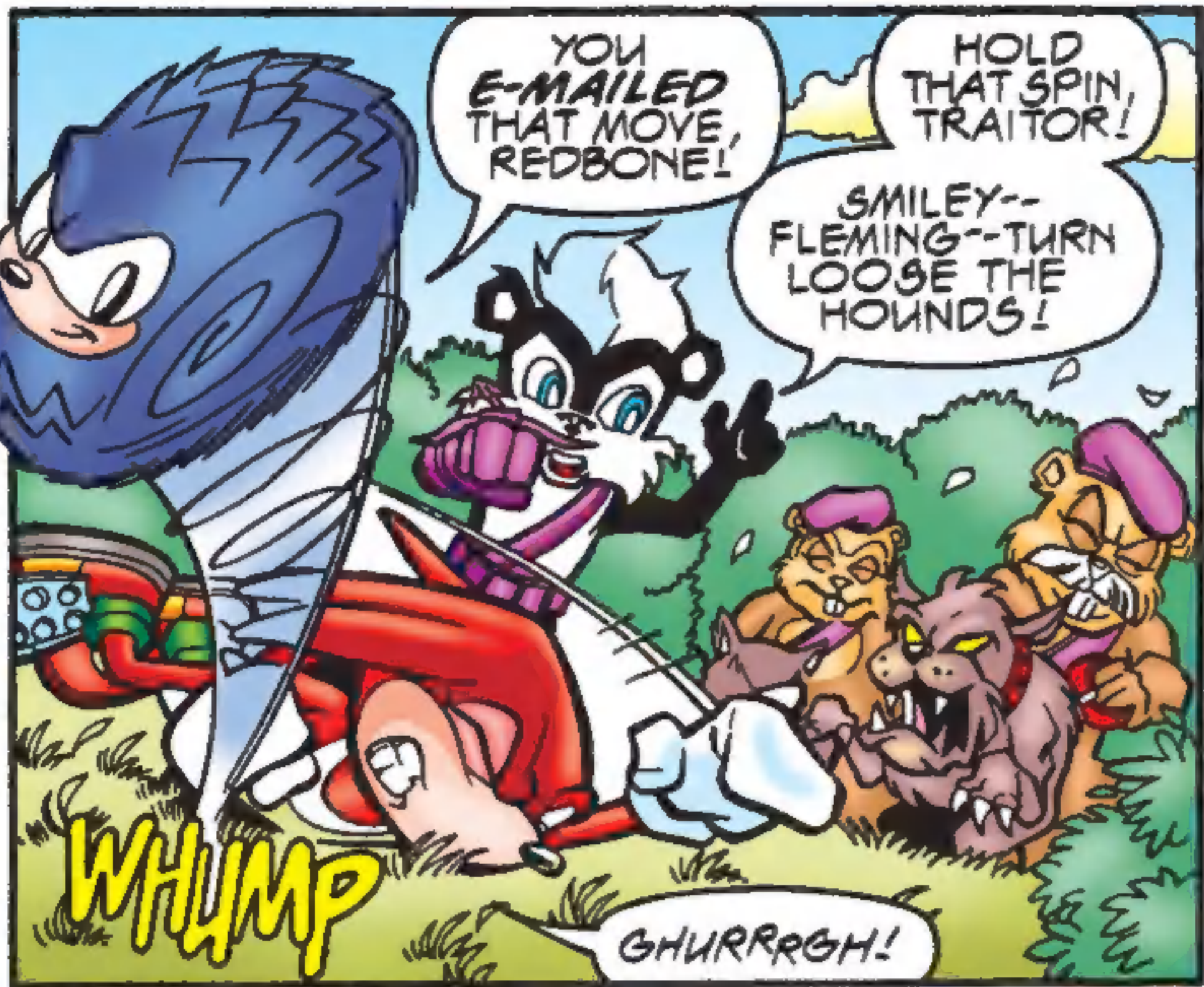
WHAT?!  
PUH-PRINCESS  
SALLY--  
DEAD?!

I TOLD  
HER YOU WERE  
NO GOOD--  
ARRRR!

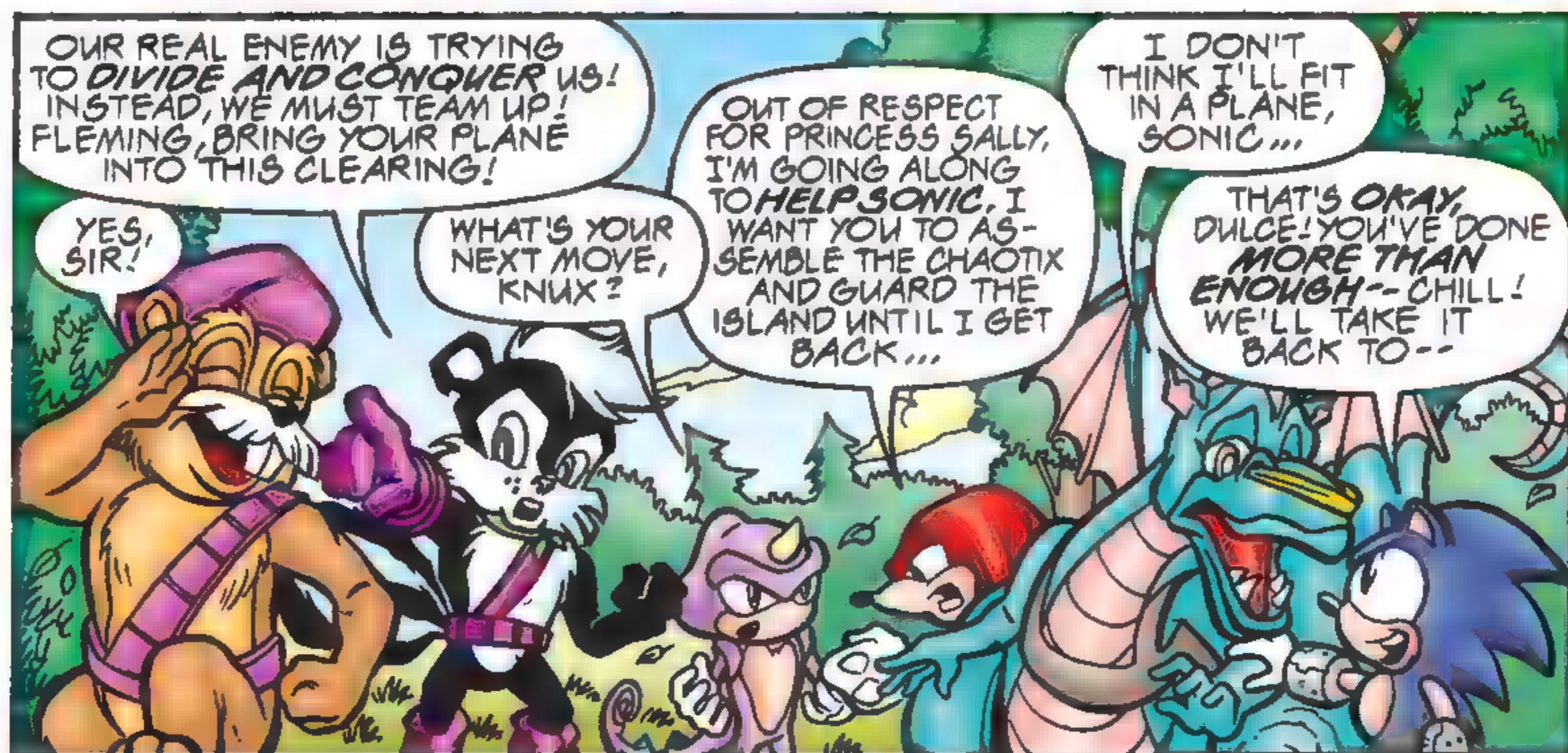
NO!  
YOU GOTTA  
BELIEVE ME...  
DON'T--

CAN'T GET  
A CLEAR SHOT  
AT THE  
HEDGEHOG...











"--KNOTHOLE!"

MOVE-  
ALONG!

YOU-WILL-  
ALL-BE-  
ROBOTIZED!

MECHA-  
SLAVERY-IS  
INEVITABLE--  
ESCAPE-IS  
IMPOSSIBLE!

WE FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS HAVE  
DONE THE  
IMPOSSIBLE  
BEFORE!

LET'S GET TO THE  
BATHYSPPHERE AND THE  
SEA FOX! WE'VE GOT  
TO GET HELP FROM  
SOME OF THE OTHER  
FREEDOM FIGHTER  
GROUPS!

I CAN'T BELIEVE  
THAT ROBOTNIK  
FOUND OUR  
SECRET VILLAGE  
LOCATION!

THE WAY THINGS  
HAVE BEEN GOING  
LATELY, NOTHING  
SURPRISES ME.

AT LEAST HE  
DOESN'T KNOW  
ABOUT OUR  
UNDERGROUND  
CANAL SYSTEM  
AND WATER  
VEHICLES.

HOLY  
ABALONE!

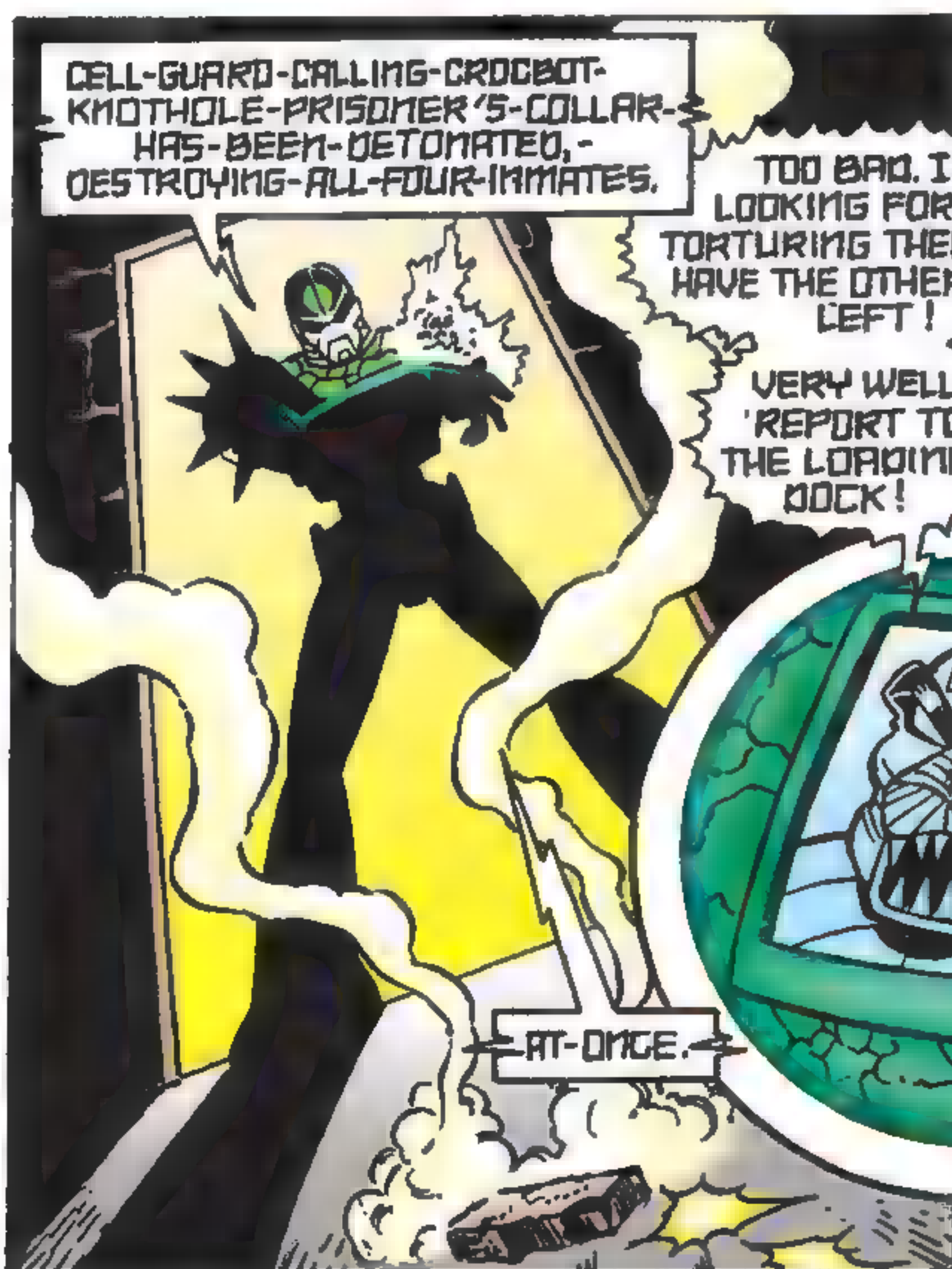
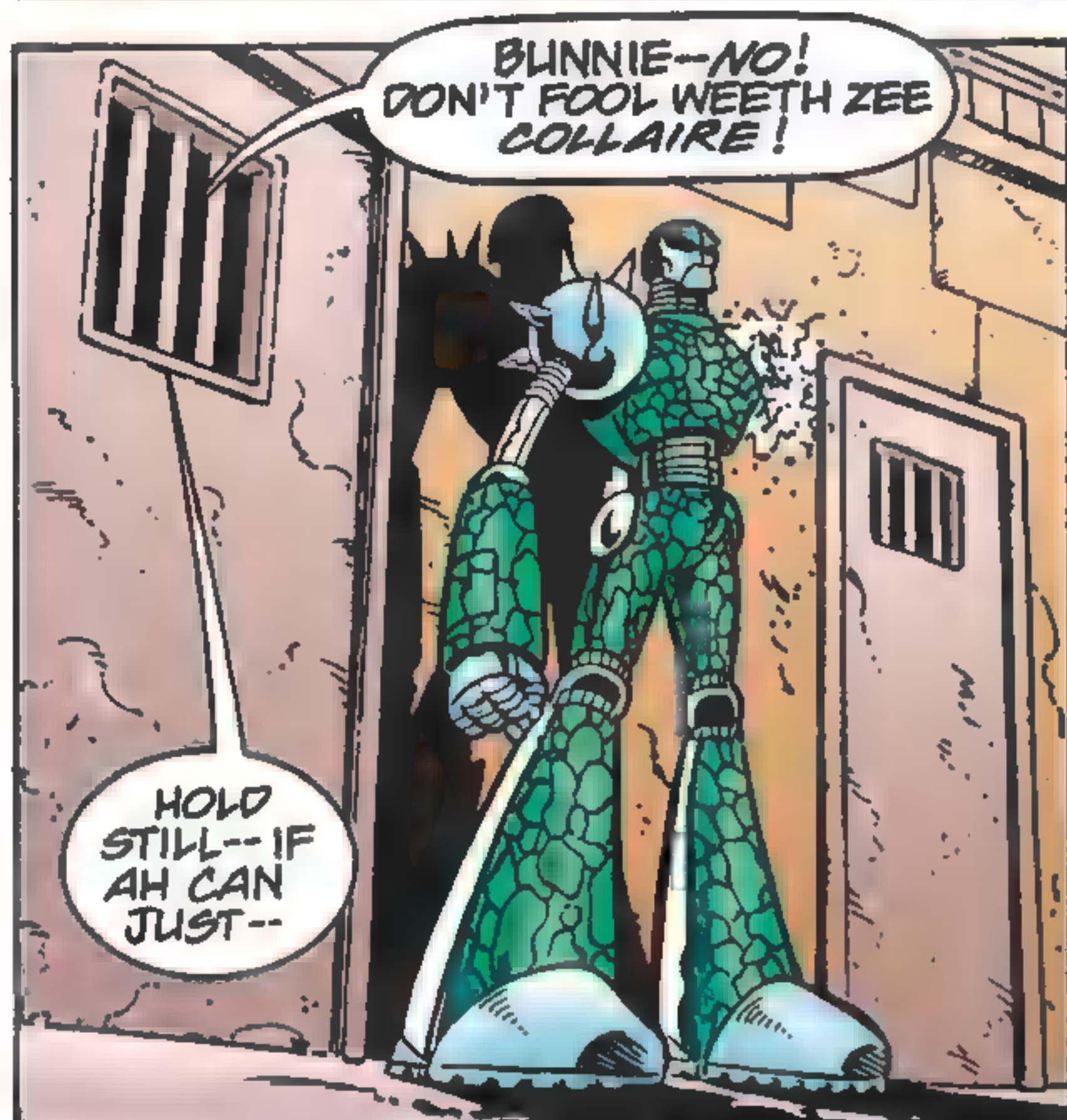
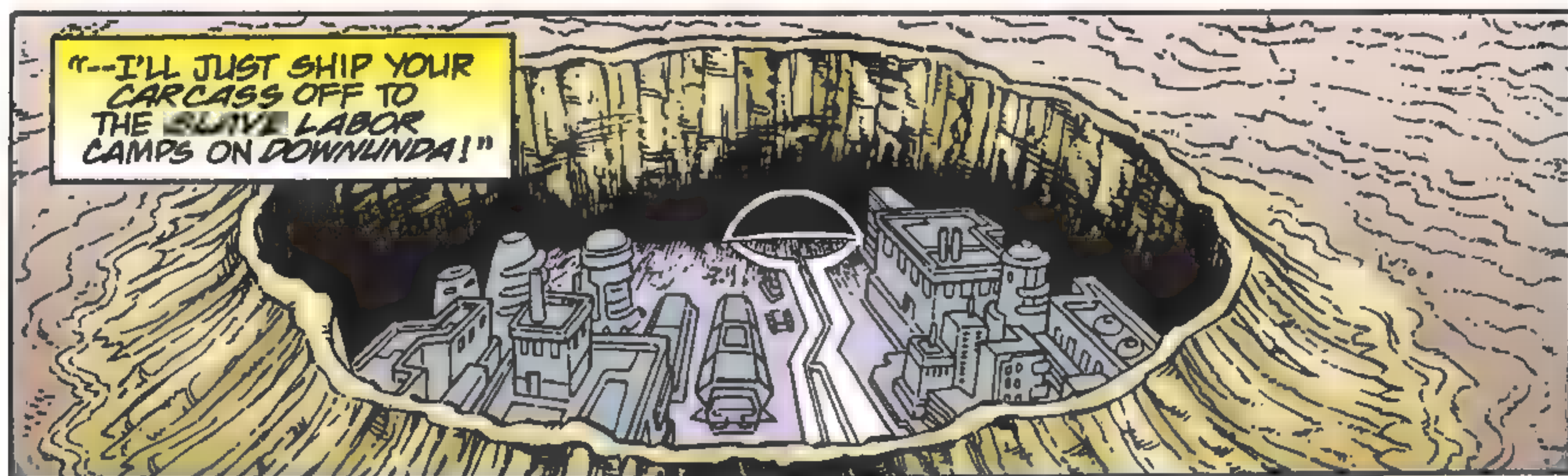
SHIPS THEN  
AGAIN, HE  
MIGHT!

WELL, WELL--  
IF IT ISN'T BLUBBER-  
BREATH AND THE TWO-  
TAILED FREAK!

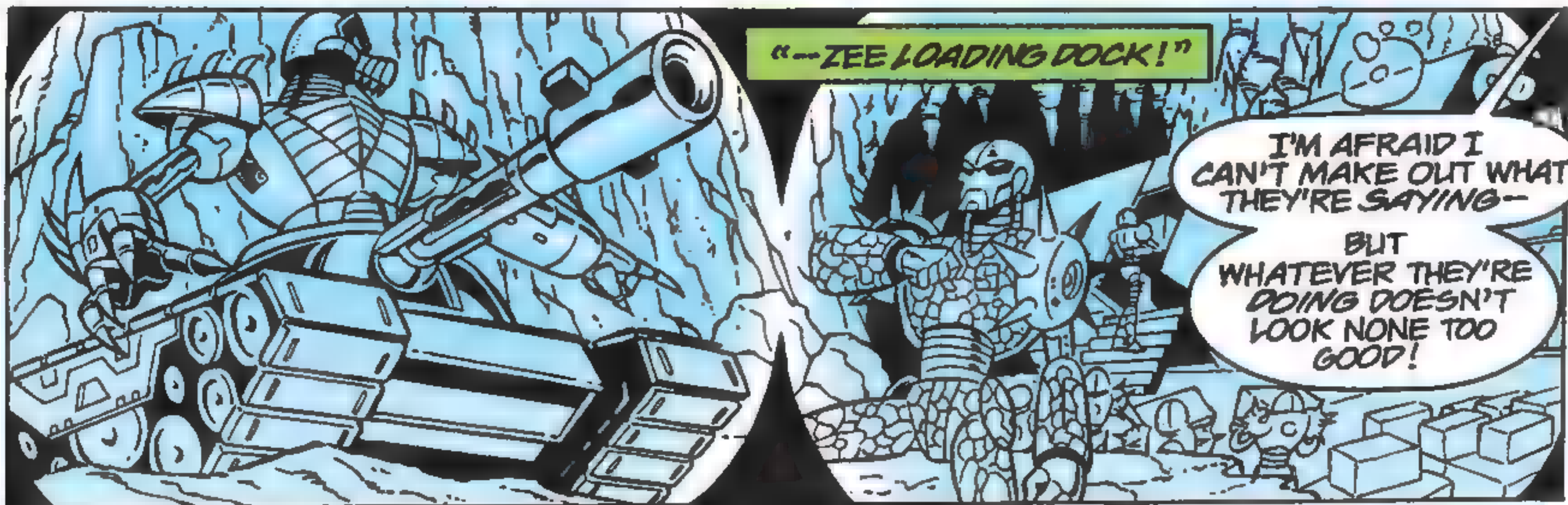
GAME OVER,  
FREEDOM FIGHTERS.  
BACK UPSTAIRS  
AND JOIN THE REST  
OF THE LOSERS!

YOU'RE MY PRISONERS  
NOW! AND IF YOU'RE  
REAL GOOD--





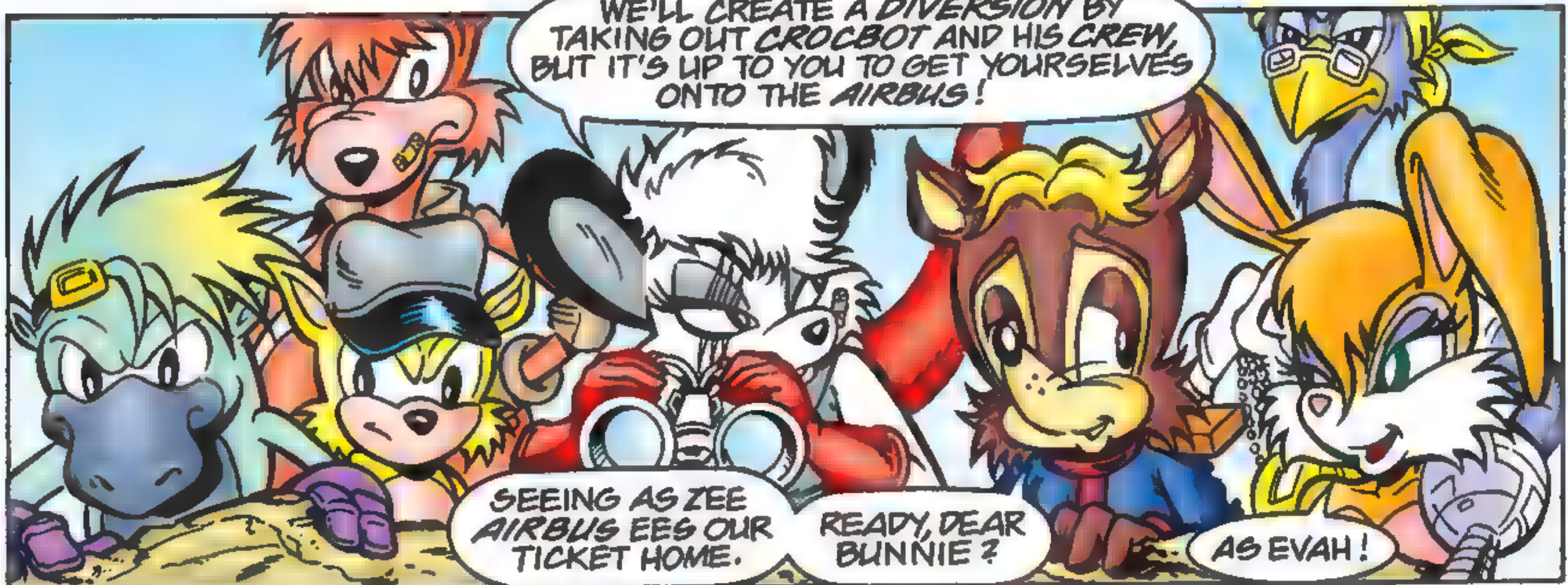




"---ZEE LOADING DOCK!"

I'M AFRAID I  
CAN'T MAKE OUT WHAT  
THEY'RE SAYING--

BUT  
WHATEVER THEY'RE  
DOING DOESN'T  
LOOK NONE TOO  
GOOD!

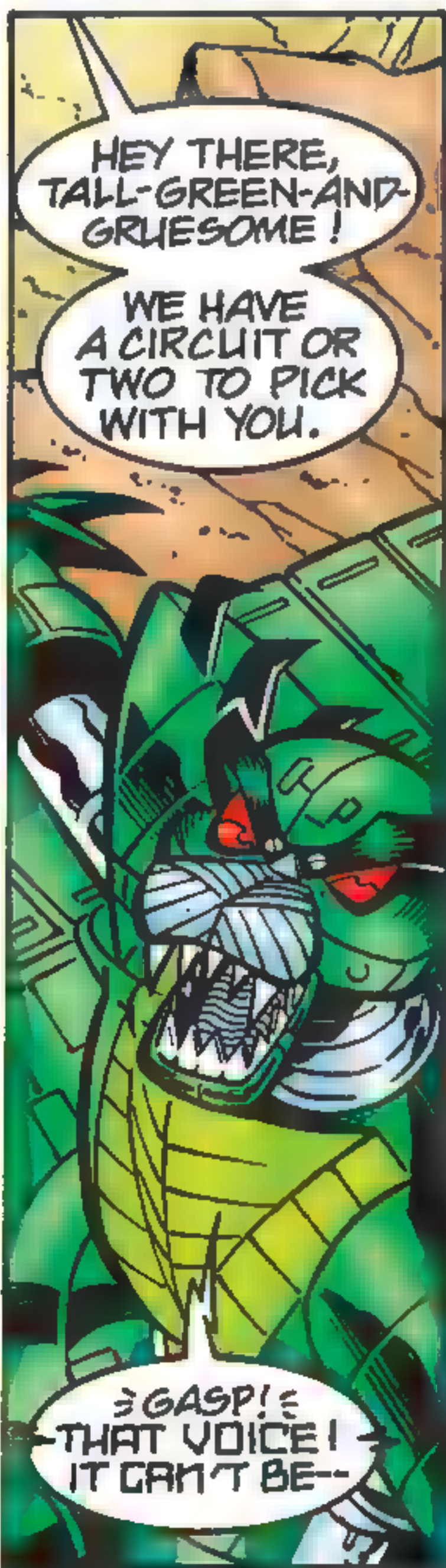


WE'LL CREATE A DIVERSION BY  
TAKING OUT CROCBOT AND HIS CREW,  
BUT IT'S UP TO YOU TO GET YOURSELVES  
ONTO THE AIRBUS!

SEEING AS ZEE  
AIRBUS EES OUR  
TICKET HOME.

READY, DEAR  
BUNNIE?

AS EVAH!



HEY THERE,  
TALL-GREEN-AND-  
GRUESOME!

WE HAVE  
A CIRCUIT OR  
TWO TO PICK  
WITH YOU.

≡GASP!≡  
THAT VOICE!  
IT CAN'T BE--

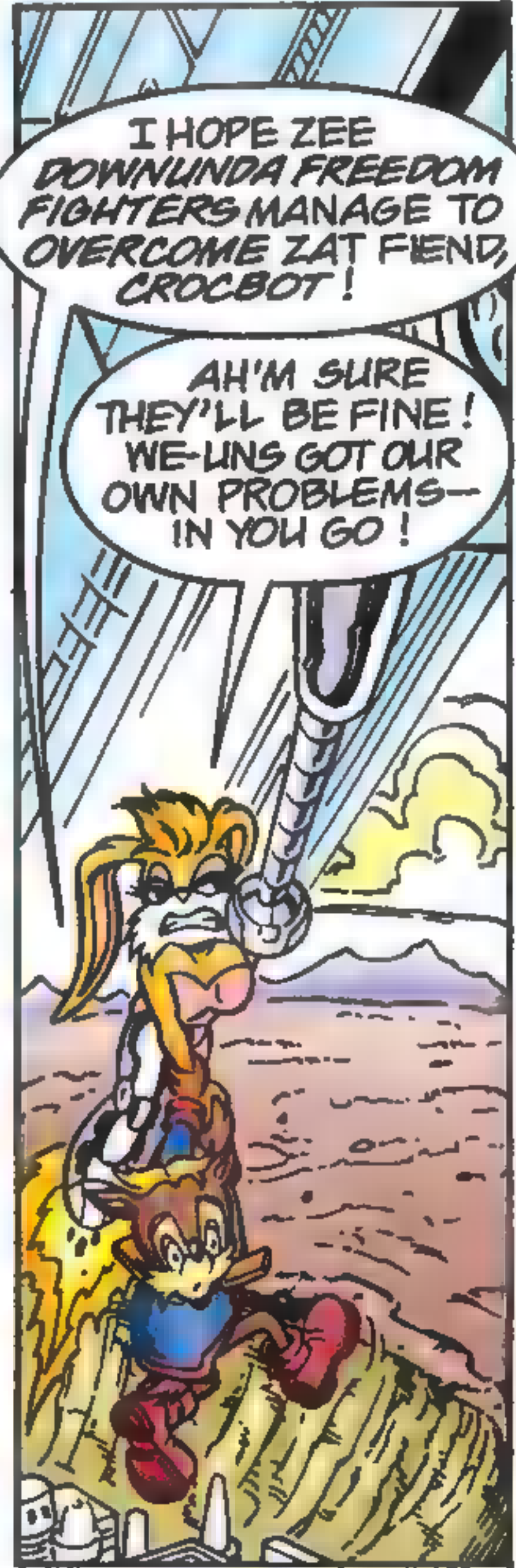


BUT IT  
IS!

≡SIGH≡  
WHATEVER  
HAPPENED TO  
'PEACE AND  
LOVE?'

NO PROBLEM--  
WE LOVE TO SMASH  
THESE 'BOTS TO  
PIECES!

BEEP!  
BEEP!



I HOPE ZEE  
DOWNUNDA FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS MANAGE TO  
OVERCOME ZAT FEND,  
CROCBOT!

AH'M SURE  
THEY'LL BE FINE!  
WE-LINS GOT OUR  
OWN PROBLEMS--  
IN YOU GO!



"IVO ROBOTNIK IN ROBOTROPOLIS  
CALLING CROCBOT'S CRATER IN  
DOWNUNDA..."

COME IN,  
CROCBOT!

WHAT?!

LOOK, I'M DEALING  
WITH AN UPRISING HERE  
AT THE PRISON CAMP!  
THE MINERAL ORE  
WE'VE MINED IS ALREADY  
ON ITS WAY TO YOU!

Ahhh... THAT'S  
ALL I WANTED TO  
KNOW--ROBOTNIK,  
OVER AND  
OUT!

HA! ONCE I GET  
THE ORE, MY ULTIMATE  
ANNIHILATOR WILL  
BE OPERATIONAL!

AT WHICH TIME, I  
WILL UNLEASH THE  
HA'S POWER ON THE  
VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE,  
ERASING IT FROM EX-  
ISTENCE FOREVER!

I MUST RETURN  
TO MY SLUMBER CHAM-  
BER BEFORE THE ORE  
ARRIVES. I WANT TO BE  
WELL RESTED FOR MY  
ULTIMATE VICTORY!  
HAHAHAHA!



COME-ON--  
FASTER,  
SPECIMENS!

SHADDEN:  
LOOKS LIKE  
THE END OF  
THE LINE, OL'  
BUDDY...

WAIT--WHAT'S  
THAT NOISE OVER-  
HEAD? IT'S...

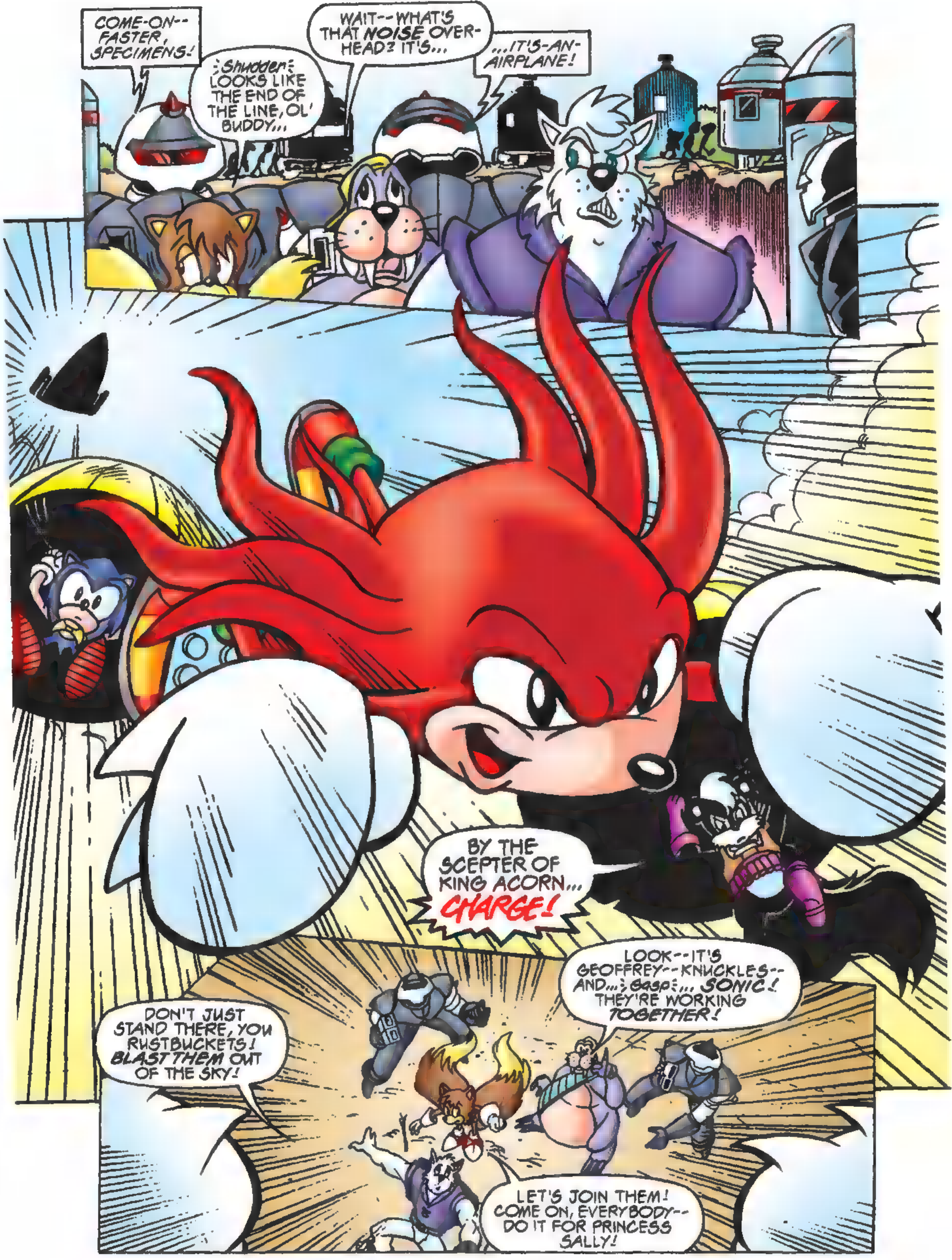
...IT'S-AN-  
AIRPLANE!

DON'T JUST  
STAND THERE, YOU  
RUSTBUCKETS!  
BLAST THEM OUT  
OF THE SKY!

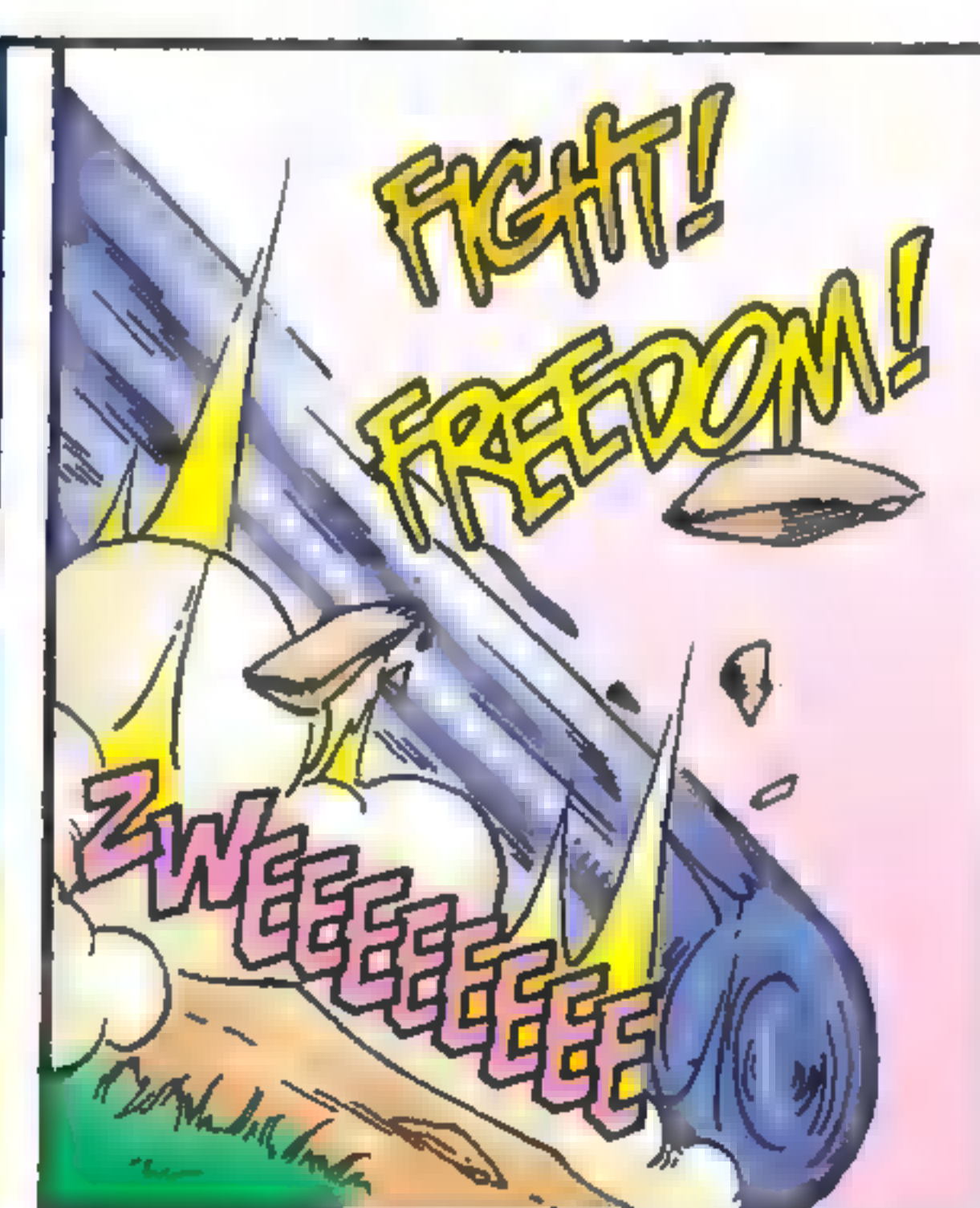
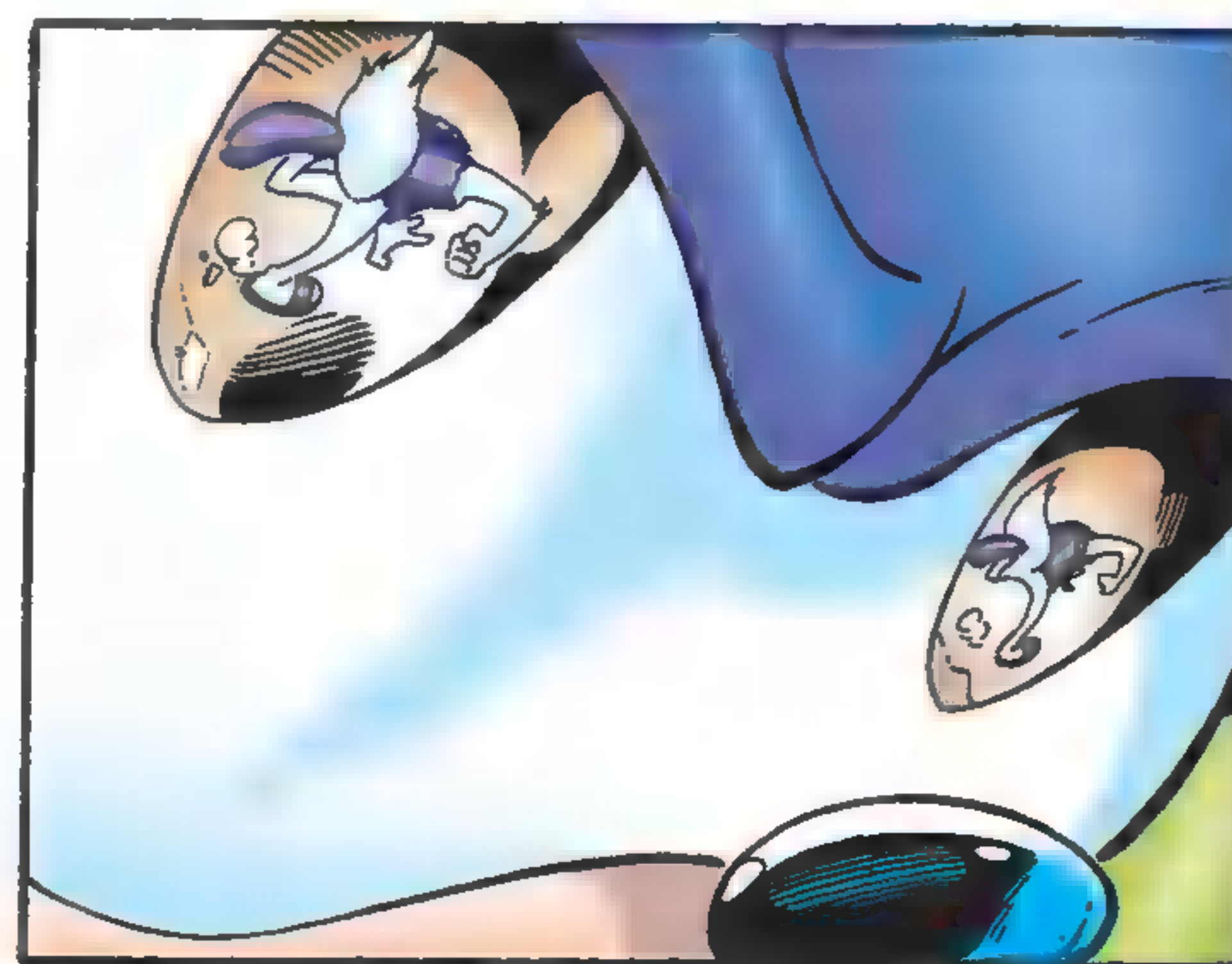
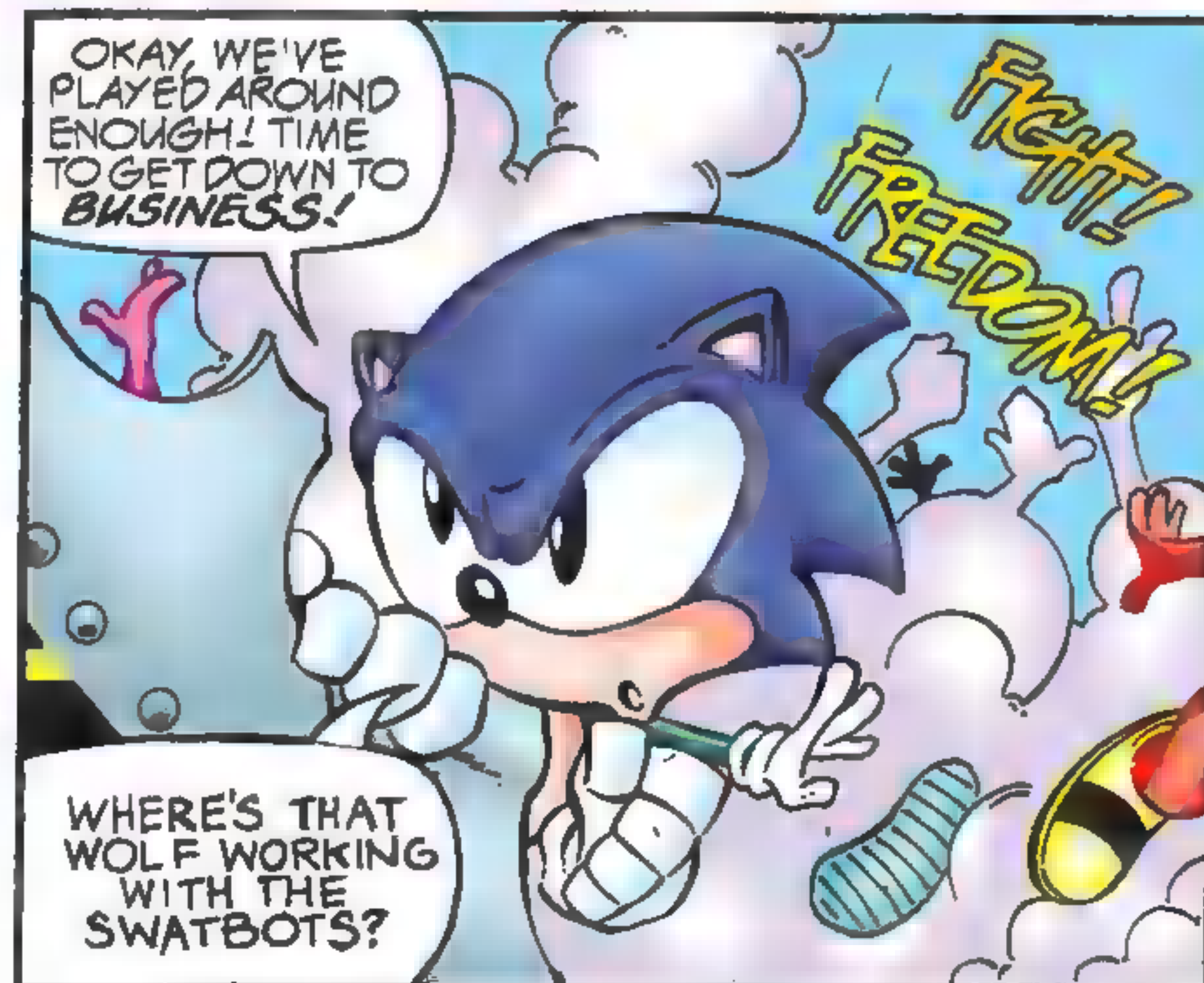
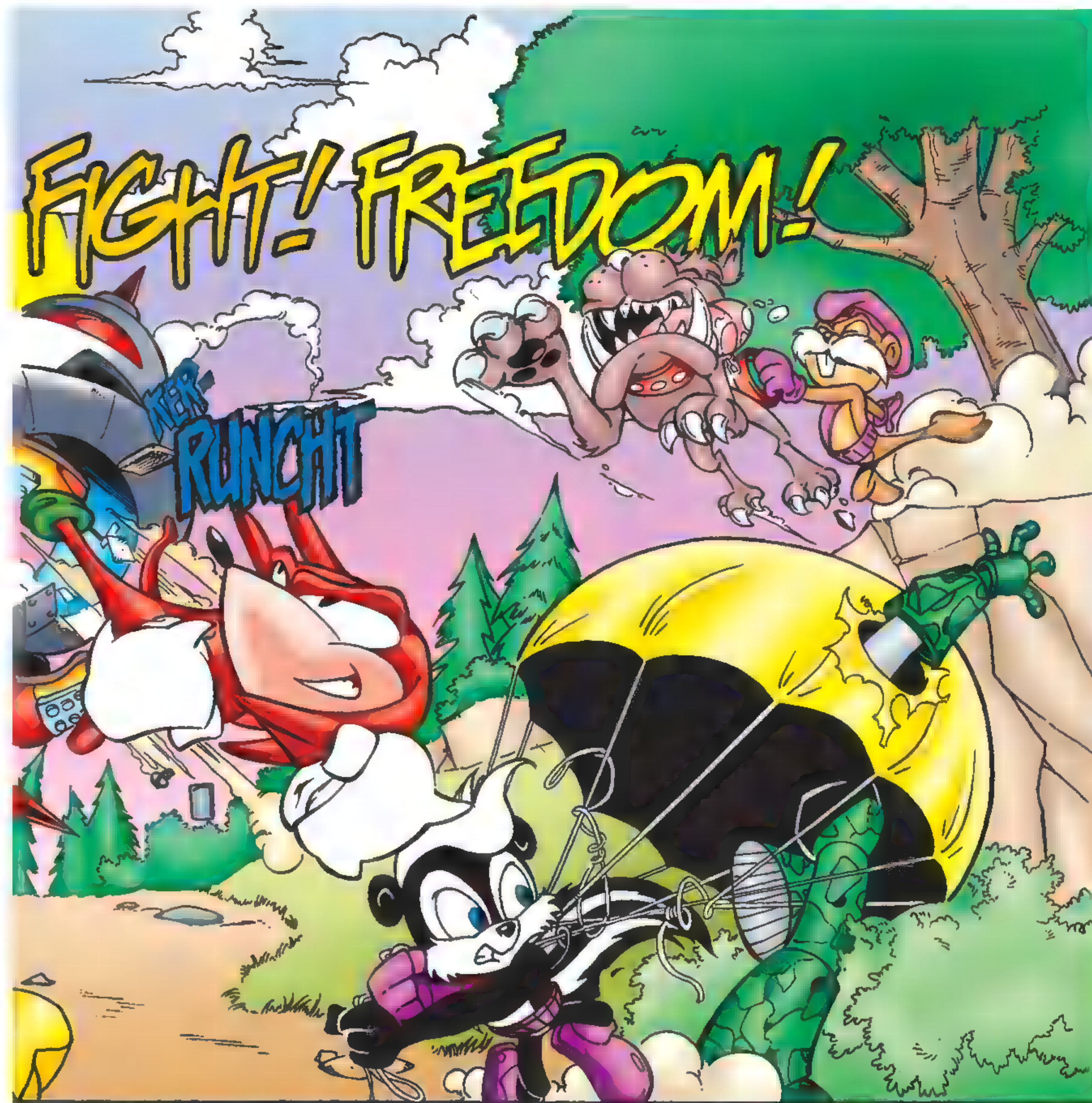
BY THE  
SCEPTER OF  
KING ACORN...  
**CHARGE!**

LOOK--IT'S  
GEOFFREY--KNUCKLES--  
AND...*Gasp!*... SONIC!  
THEY'RE WORKING  
TOGETHER!

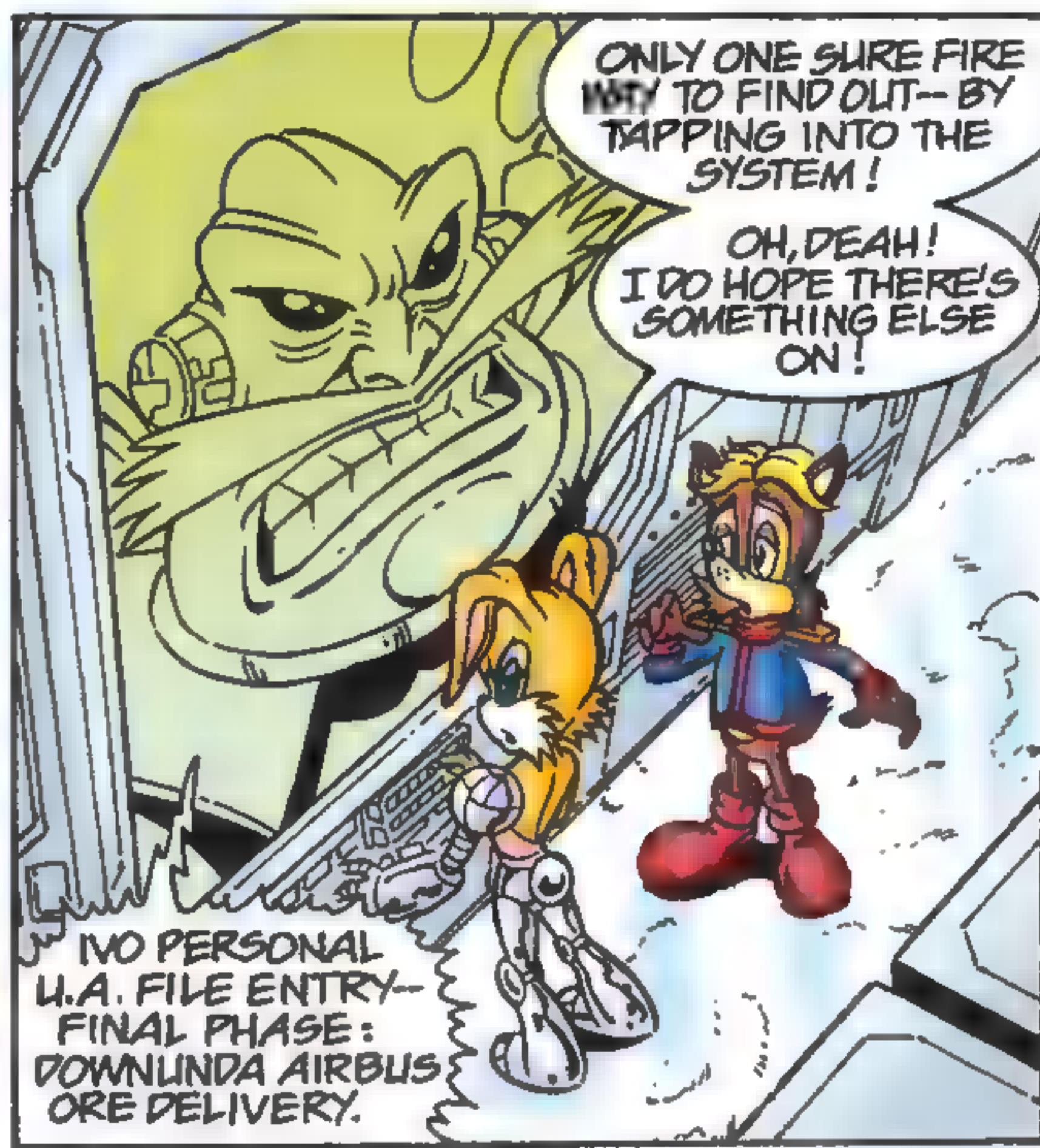
LET'S JOIN THEM!  
COME ON, EVERYBODY--  
DO IT FOR PRINCESS  
SALLY!



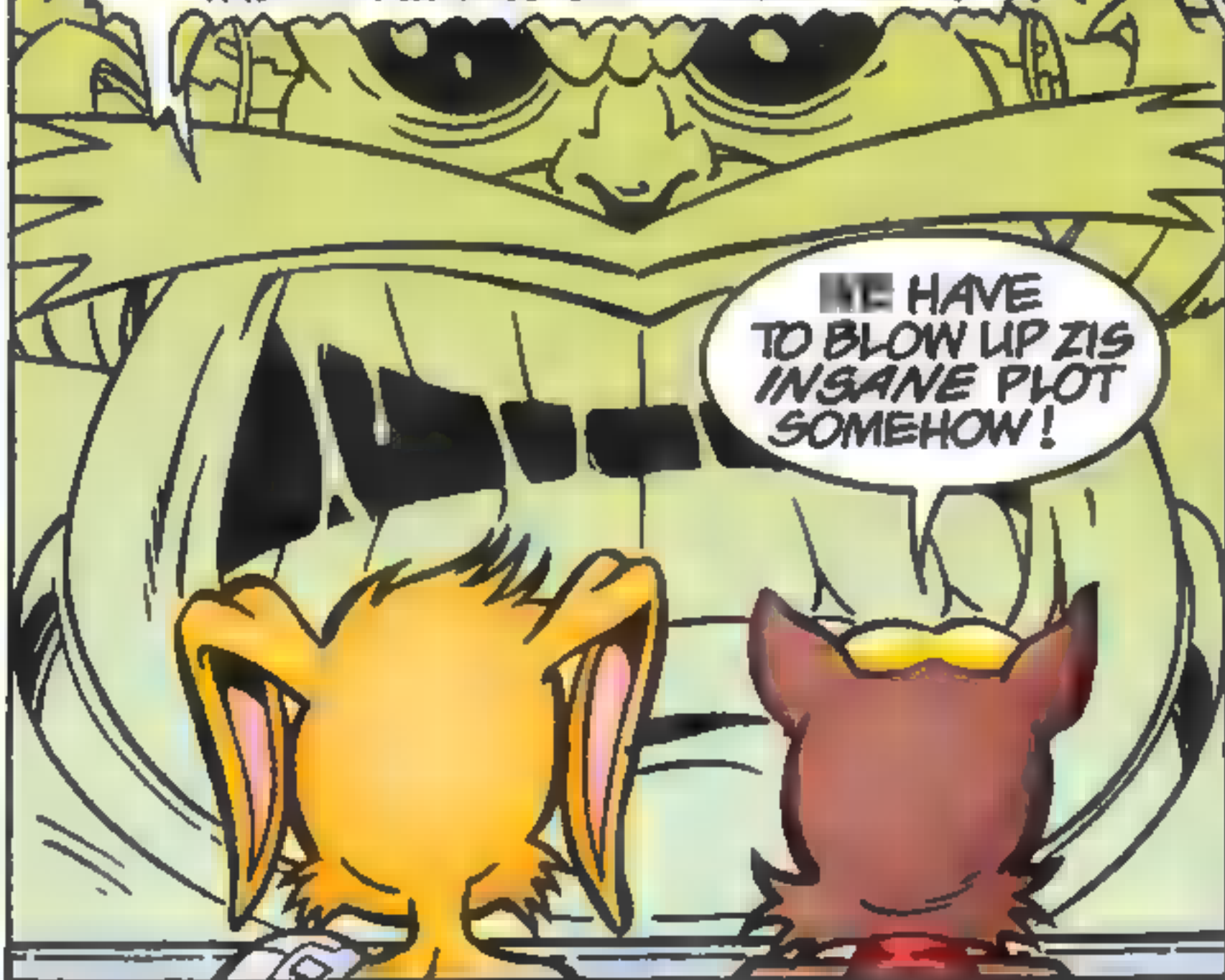








MY ENTIRE LIFE HAS BEEN BUILDING UP TO THIS MOMENT. THE IRRADIATED ORE MINED IN DOWNUNDA IS ON ITS WAY TO ROBOTROPOLIS. IT IS THE MOST CRUCIAL ELEMENT NEEDED TO ACTIVATE THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR!

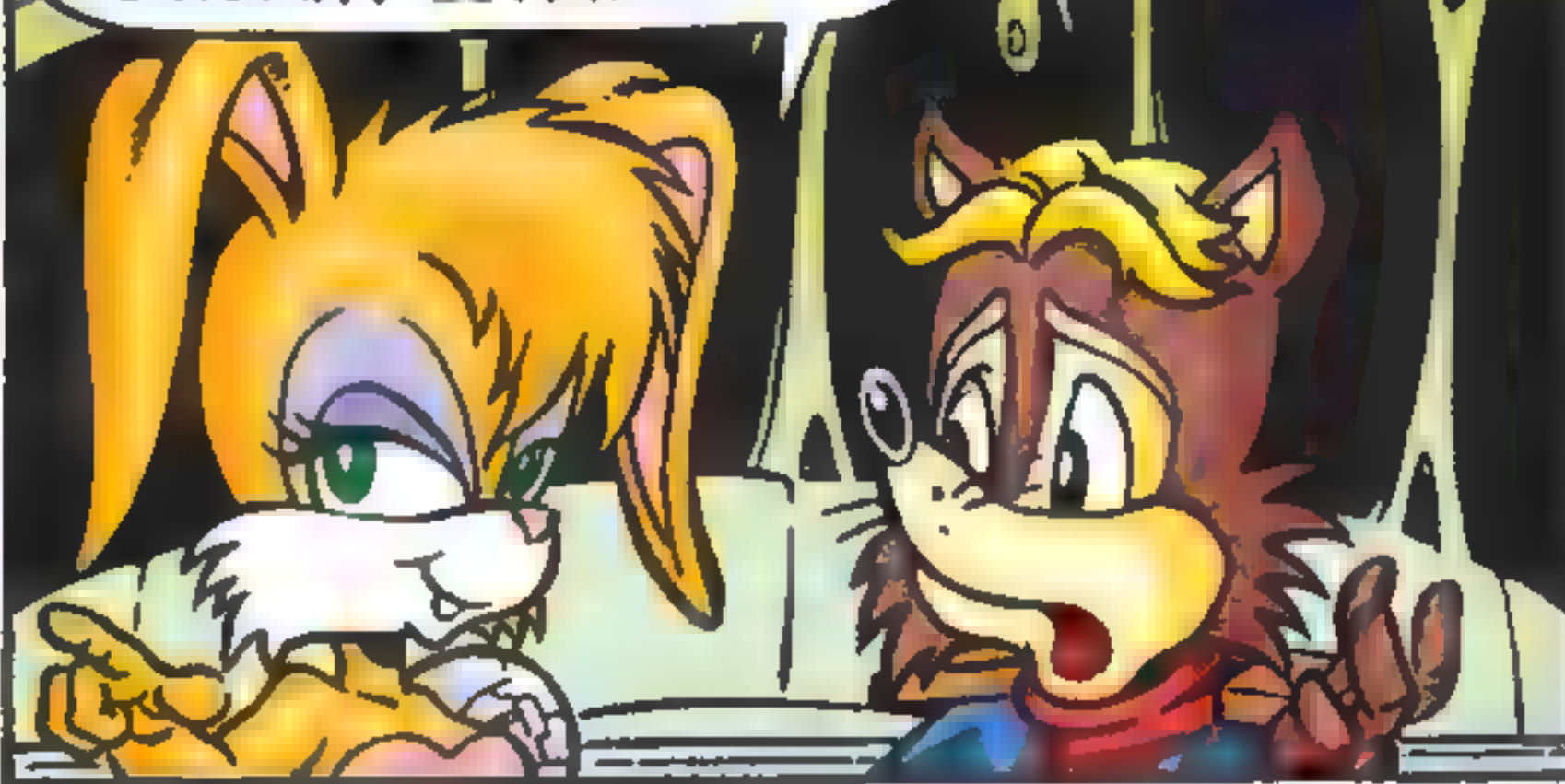


OF ALL THE MASS DESTRUCTION CREATIONS DEVISED DURING MY ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER, THE U.A. IS BY FAR THE MOST DEADLY. ONCE OPERATIONAL, I SHALL UNLEASH ITS INDESCRIBABLE POWER ON THE VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE!

AFTER THAT, EVERY LIVING CREATURE ON MOBIUS WILL FALL BEFORE ME-- IVO ROBOTNIK! HOO HOO, HA HA HAA-AA!

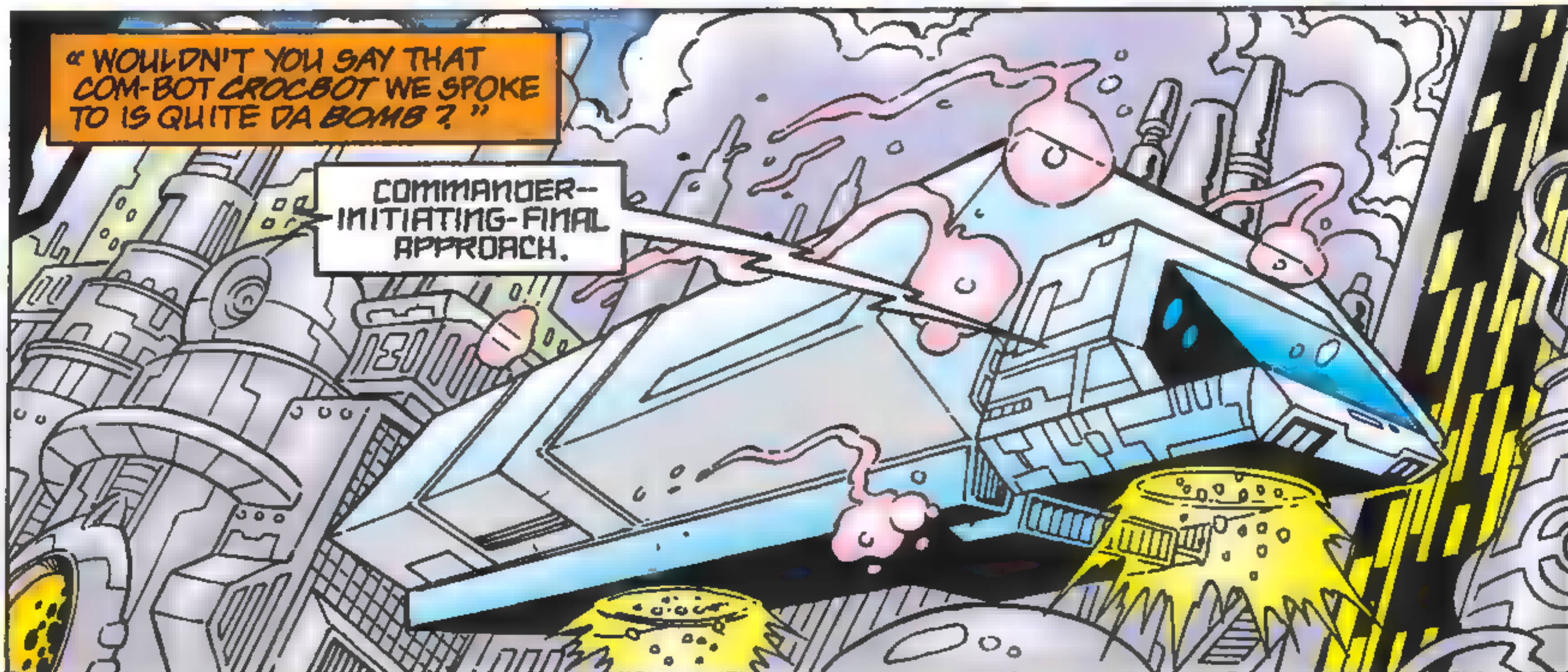
PERHAPS IF WE WERE TO EXPLODE ZEE AIRBUS--!

LET'S NOT BE TOO HASTY, SUGAH! IN FACT--

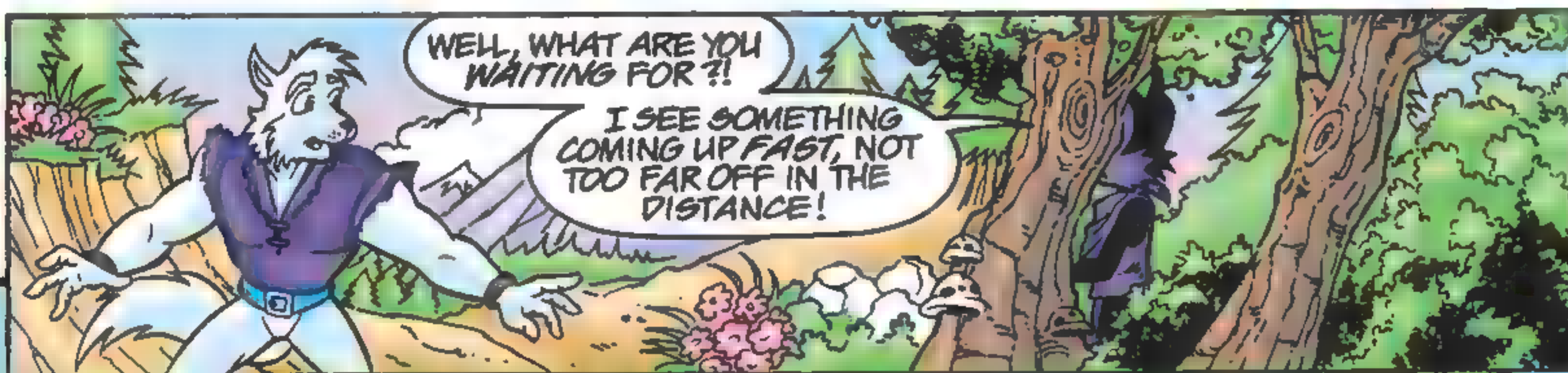
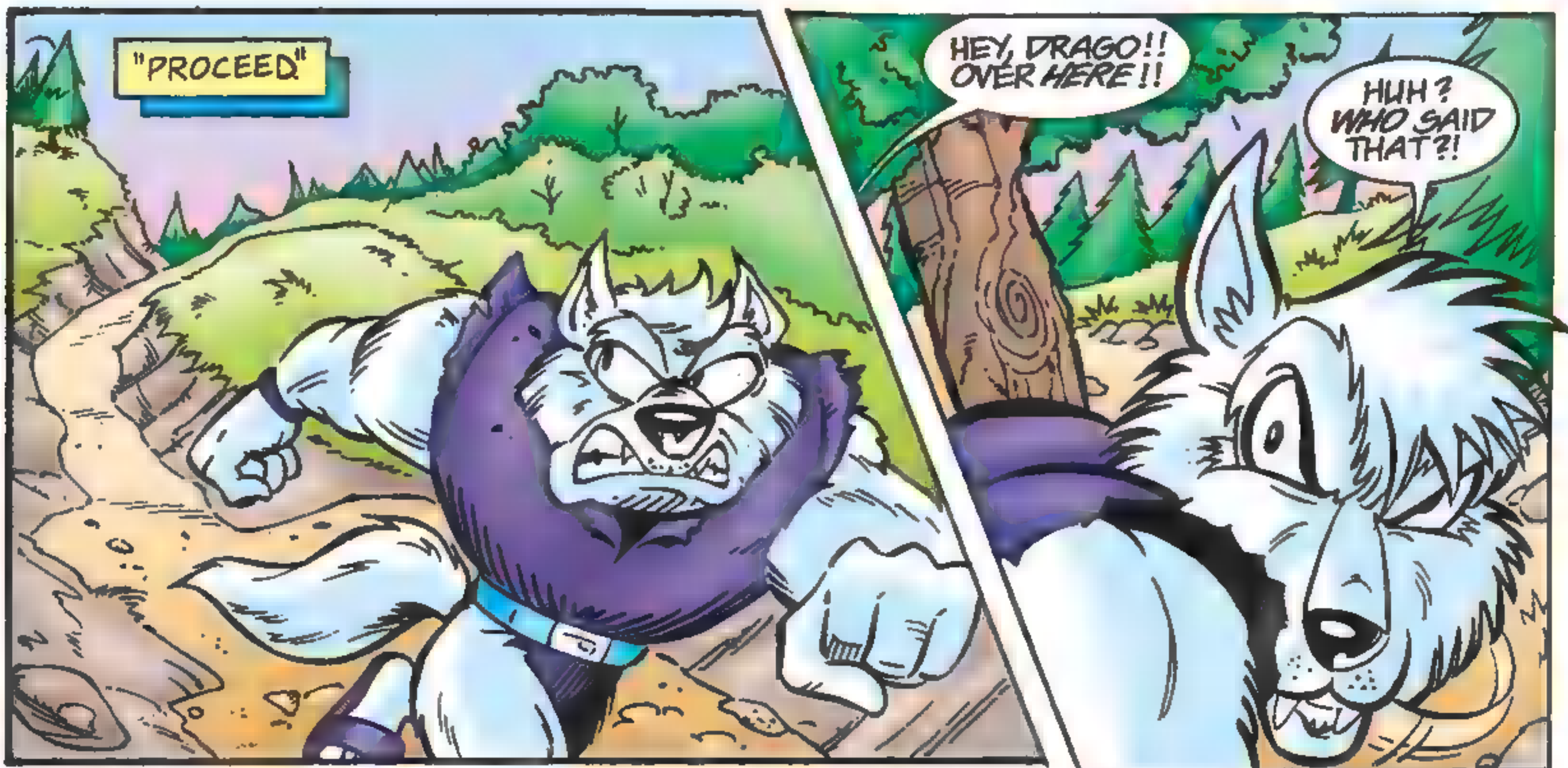


"WOULDN'T YOU SAY THAT COM-BOT CROCBOT WE SPOKE TO IS QUITE DA BOMB?"

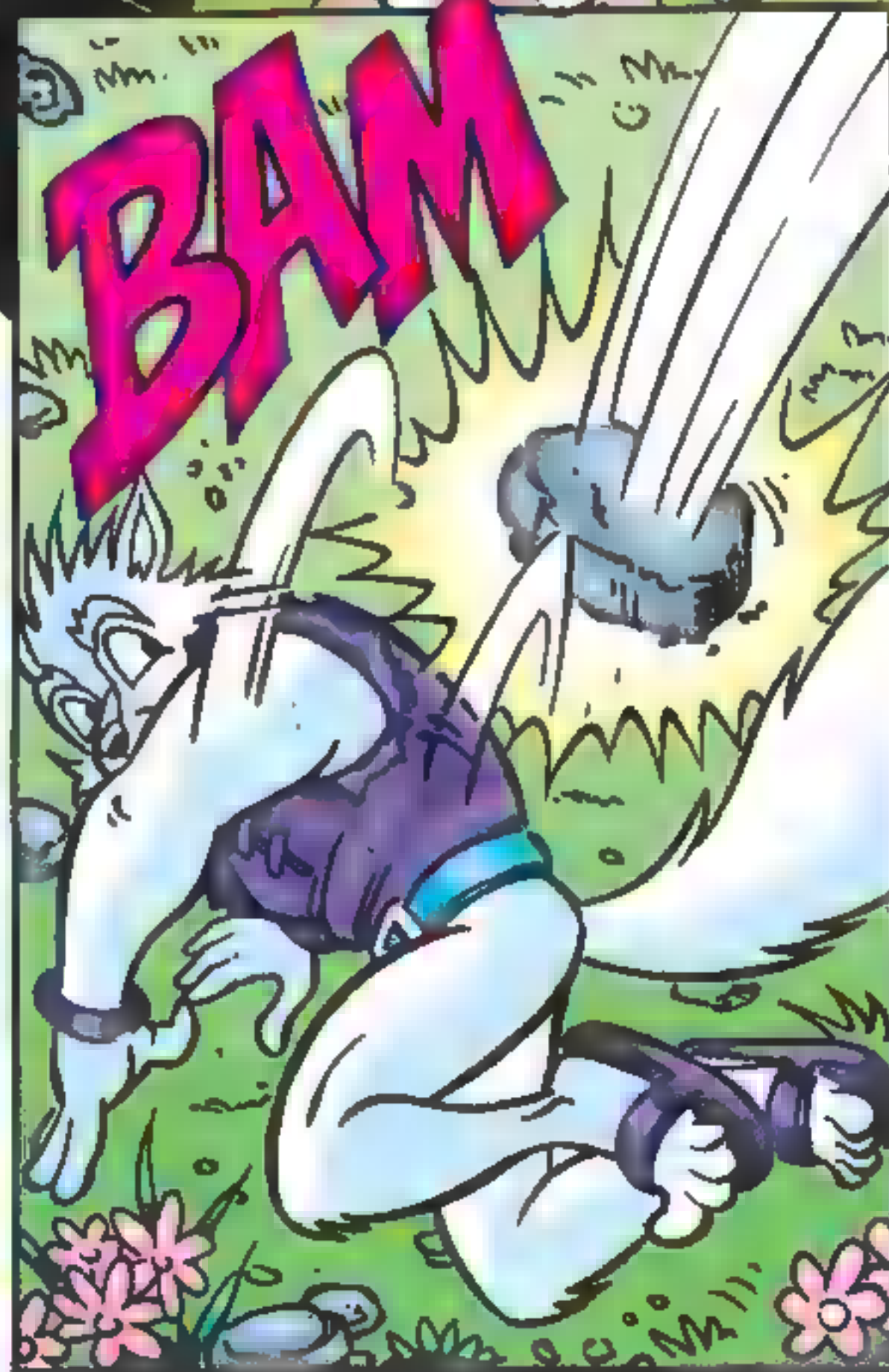
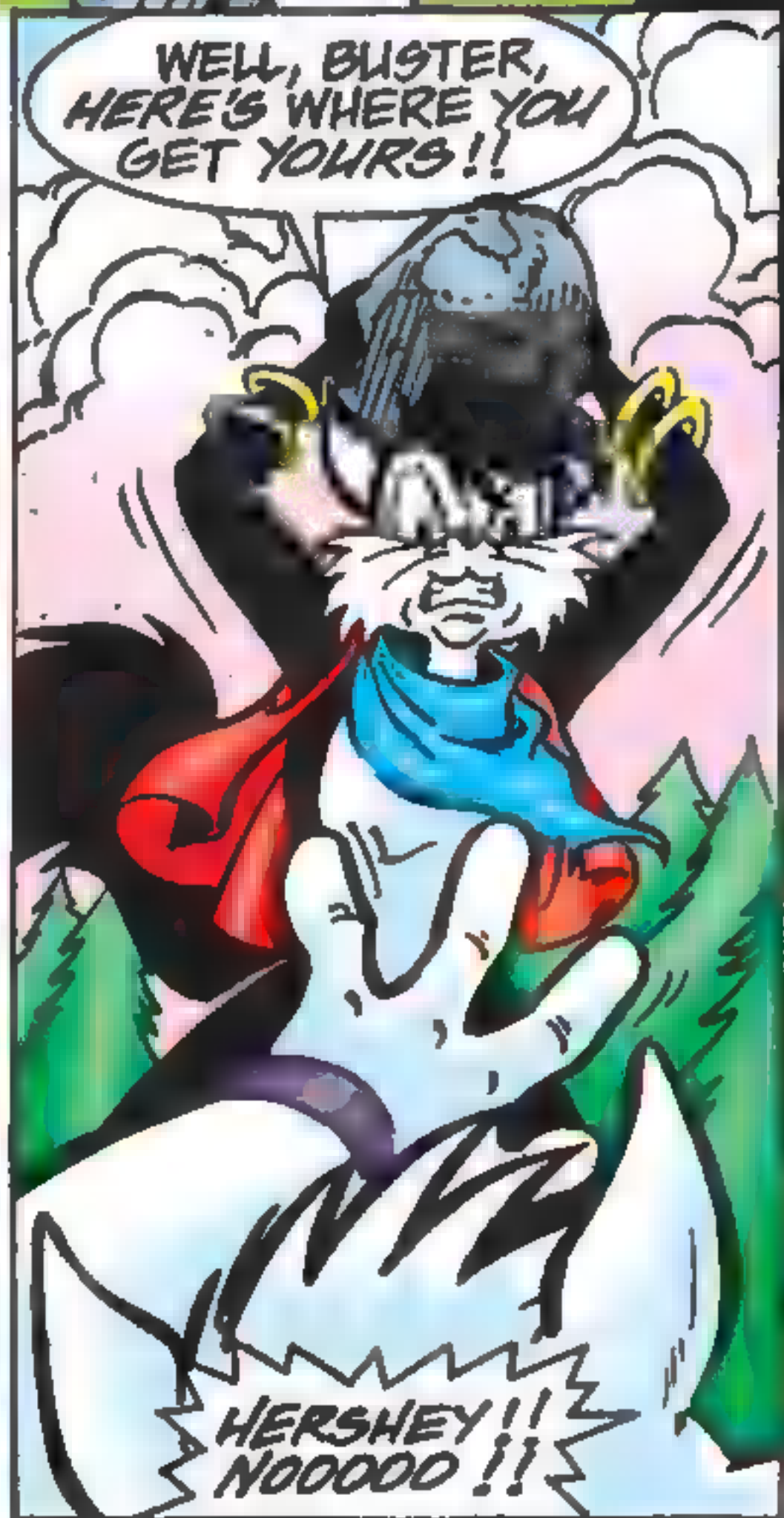
COMMANDER-- INITIATING-- FINAL APPROACH.



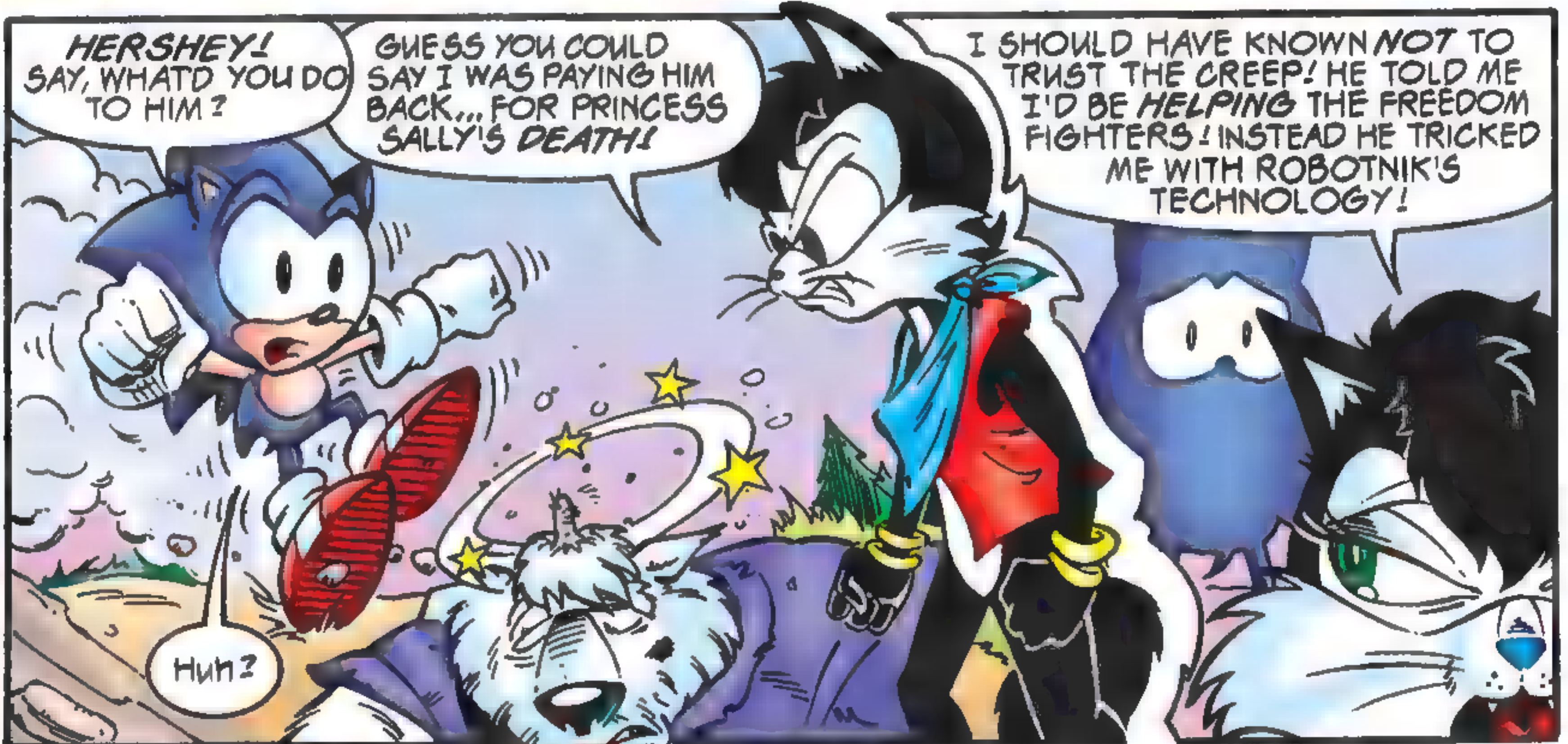




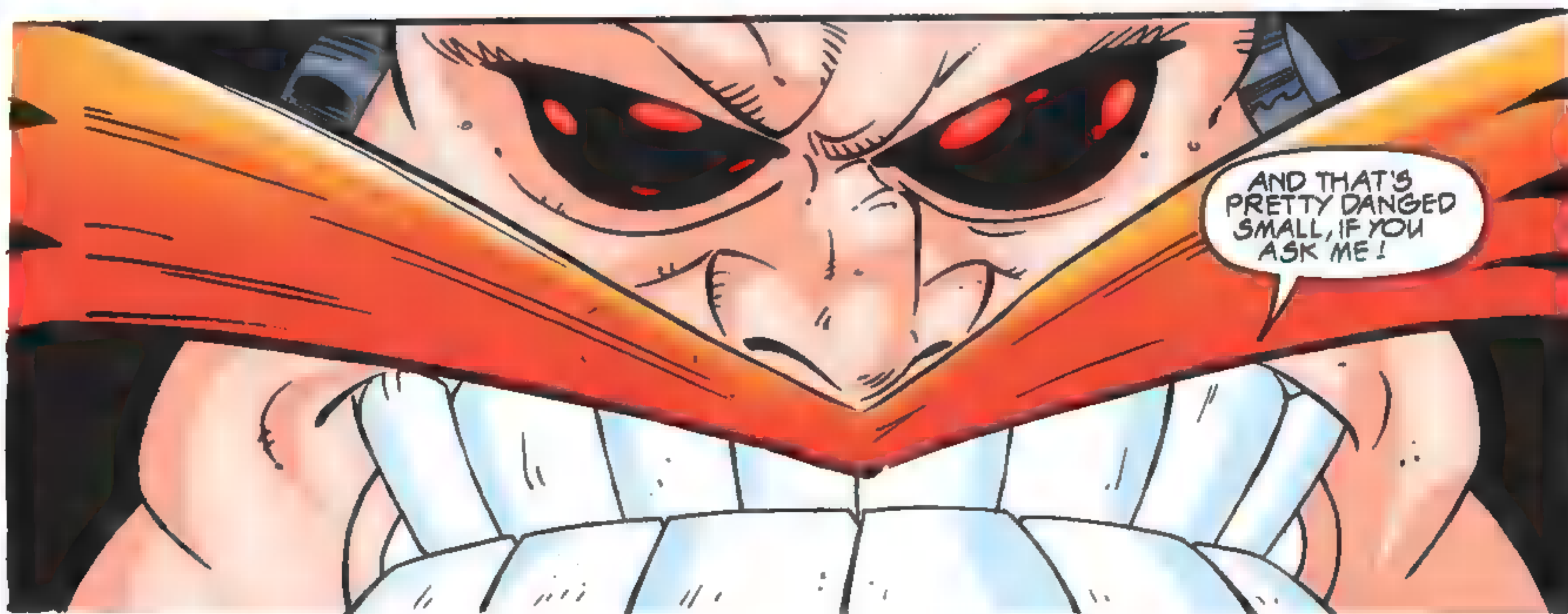
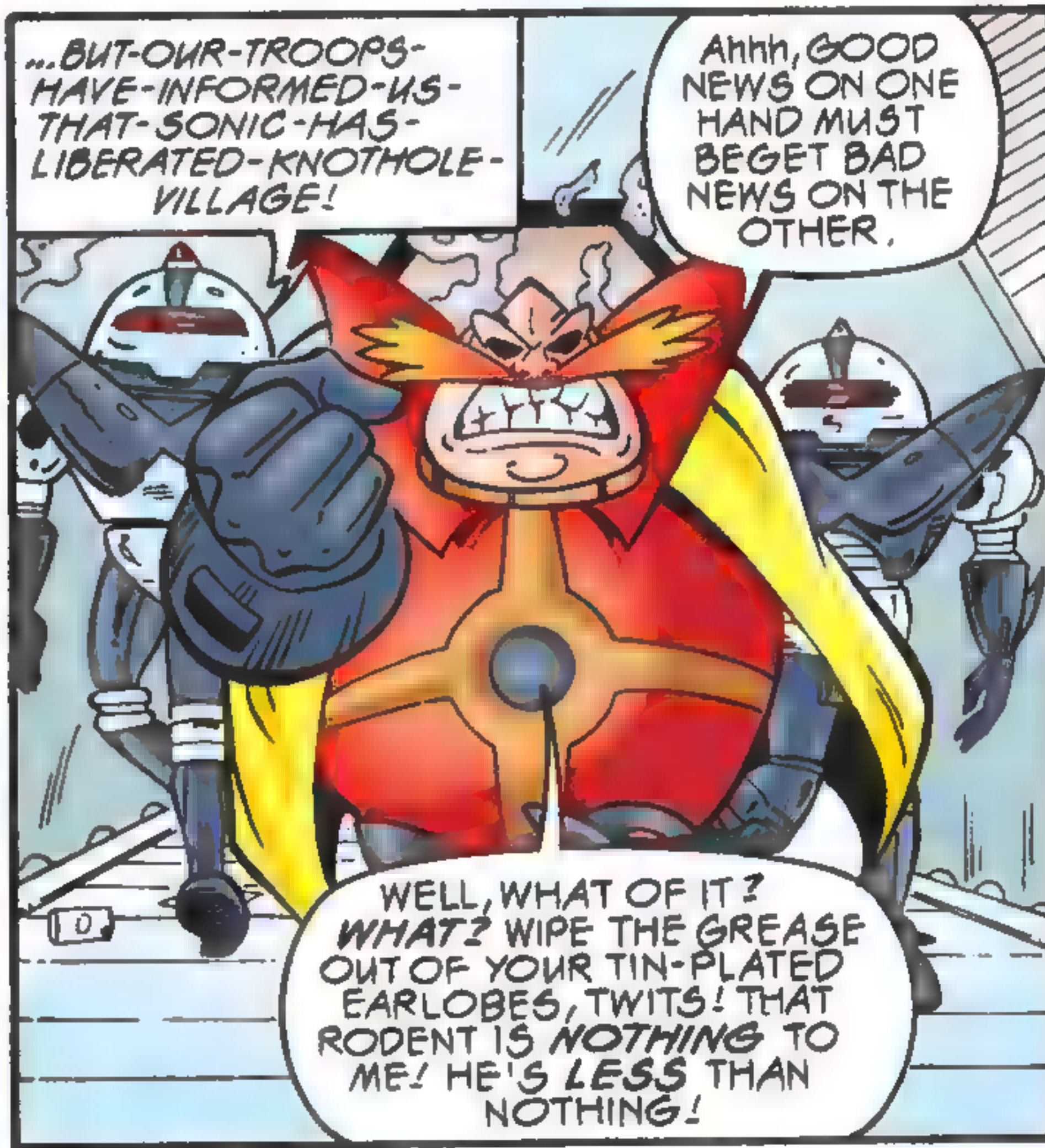
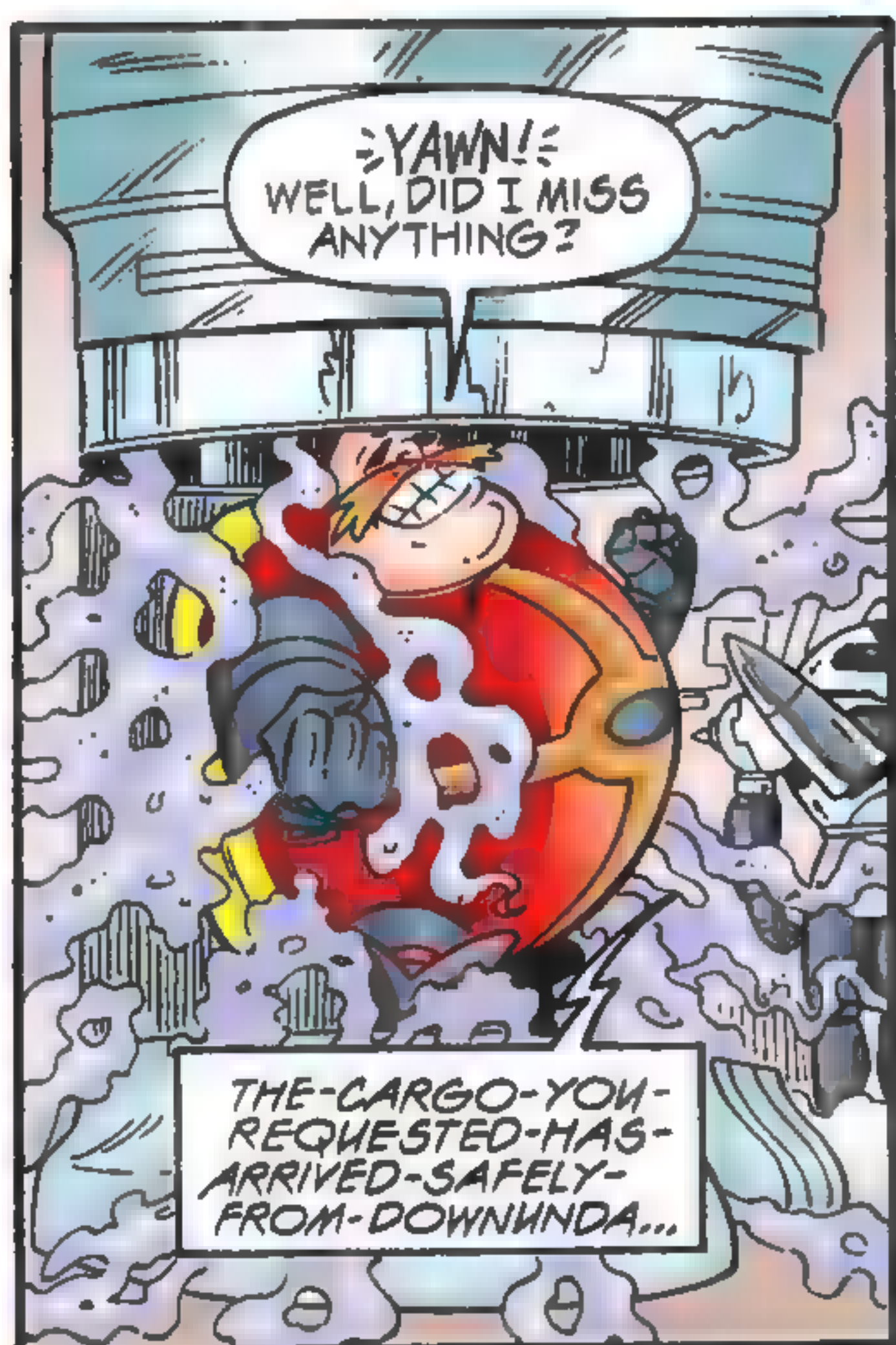
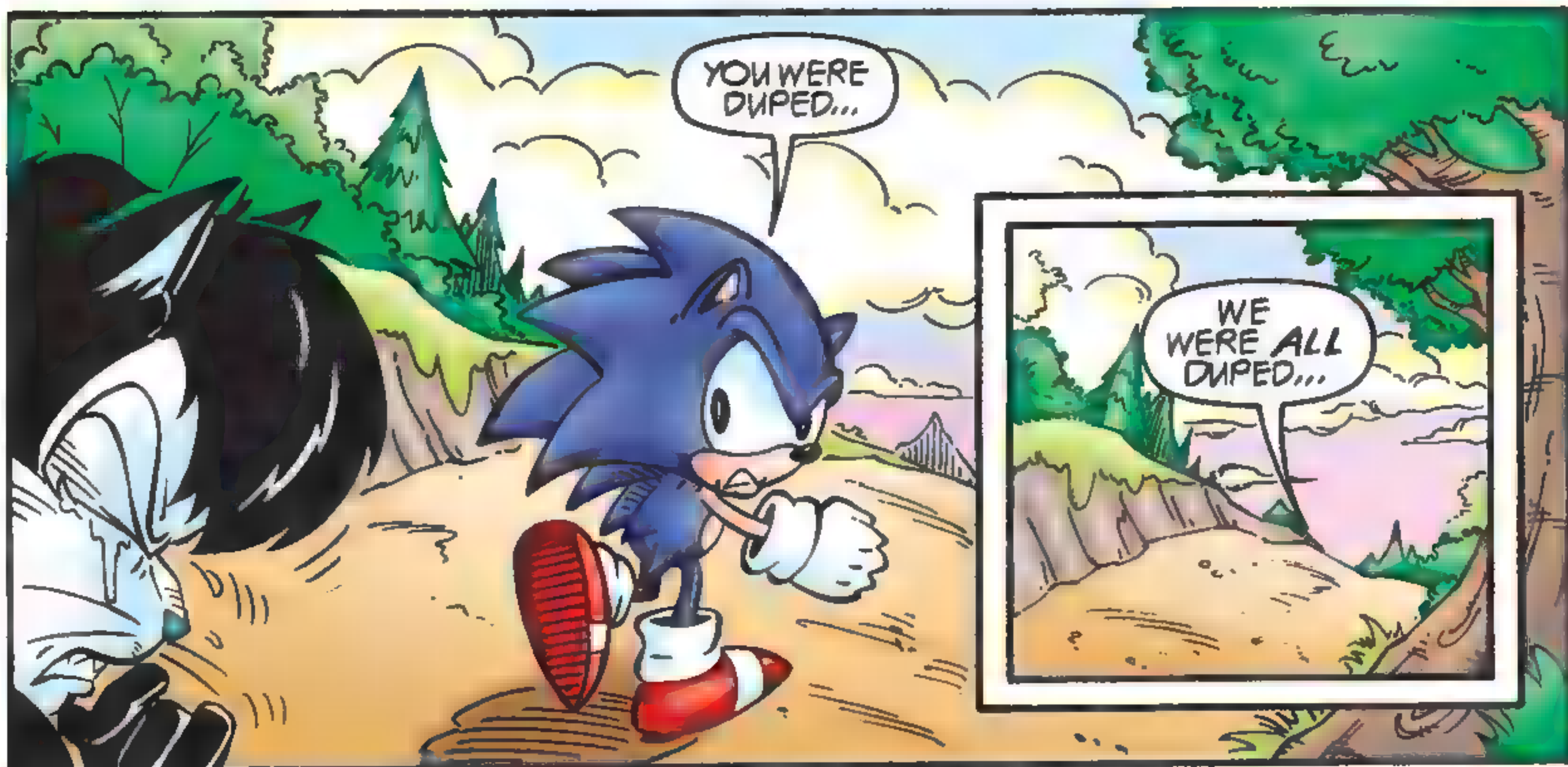




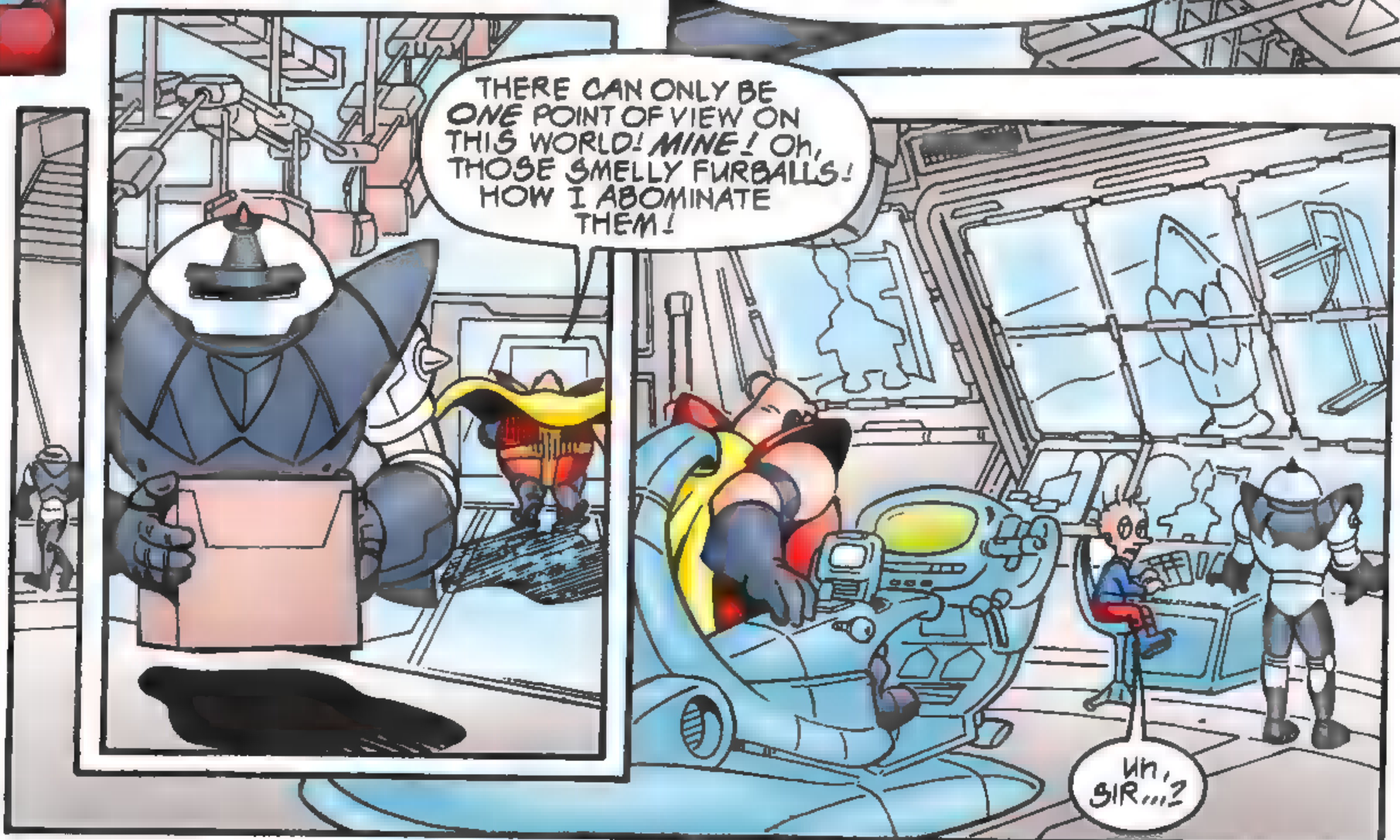
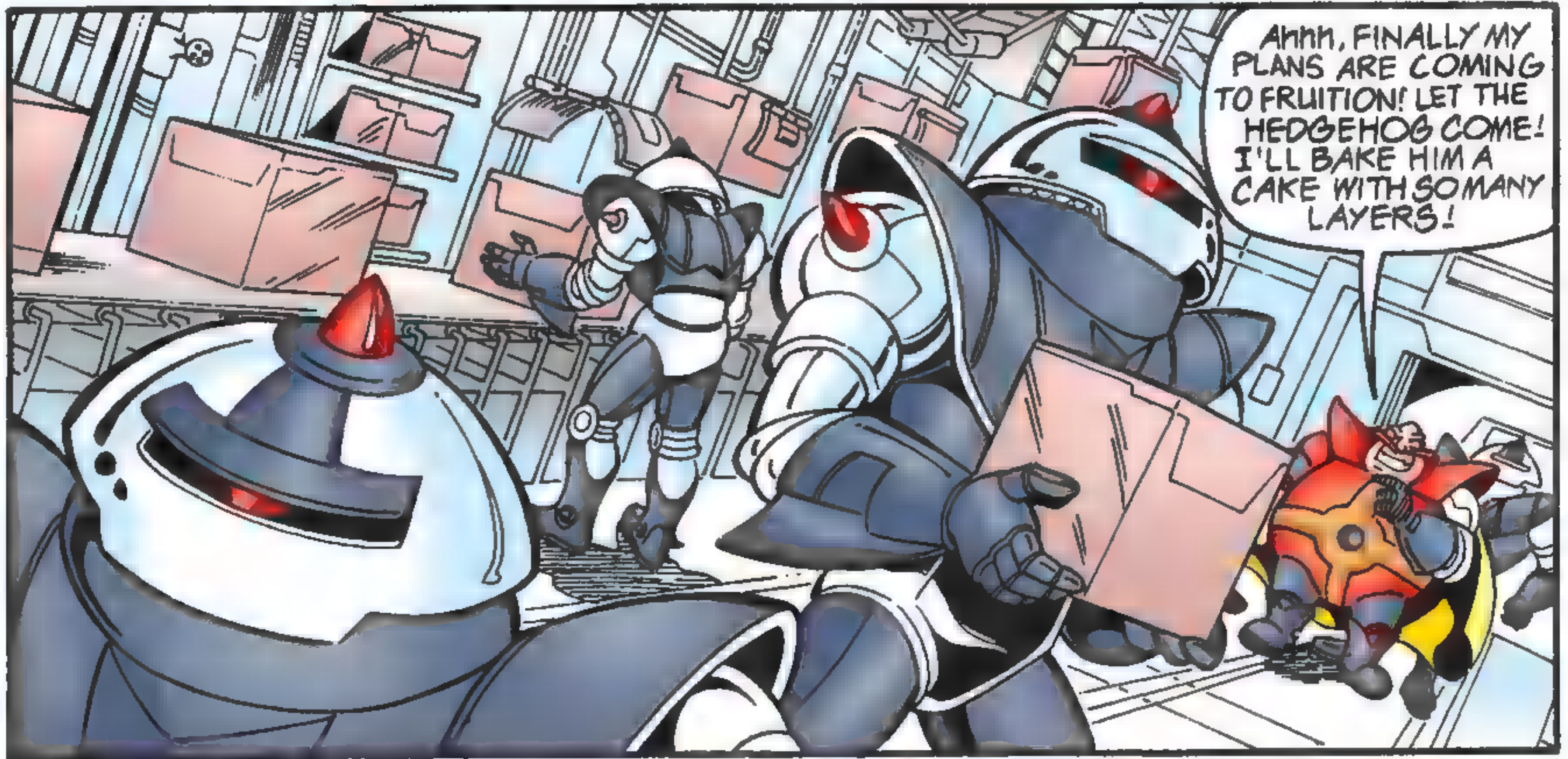




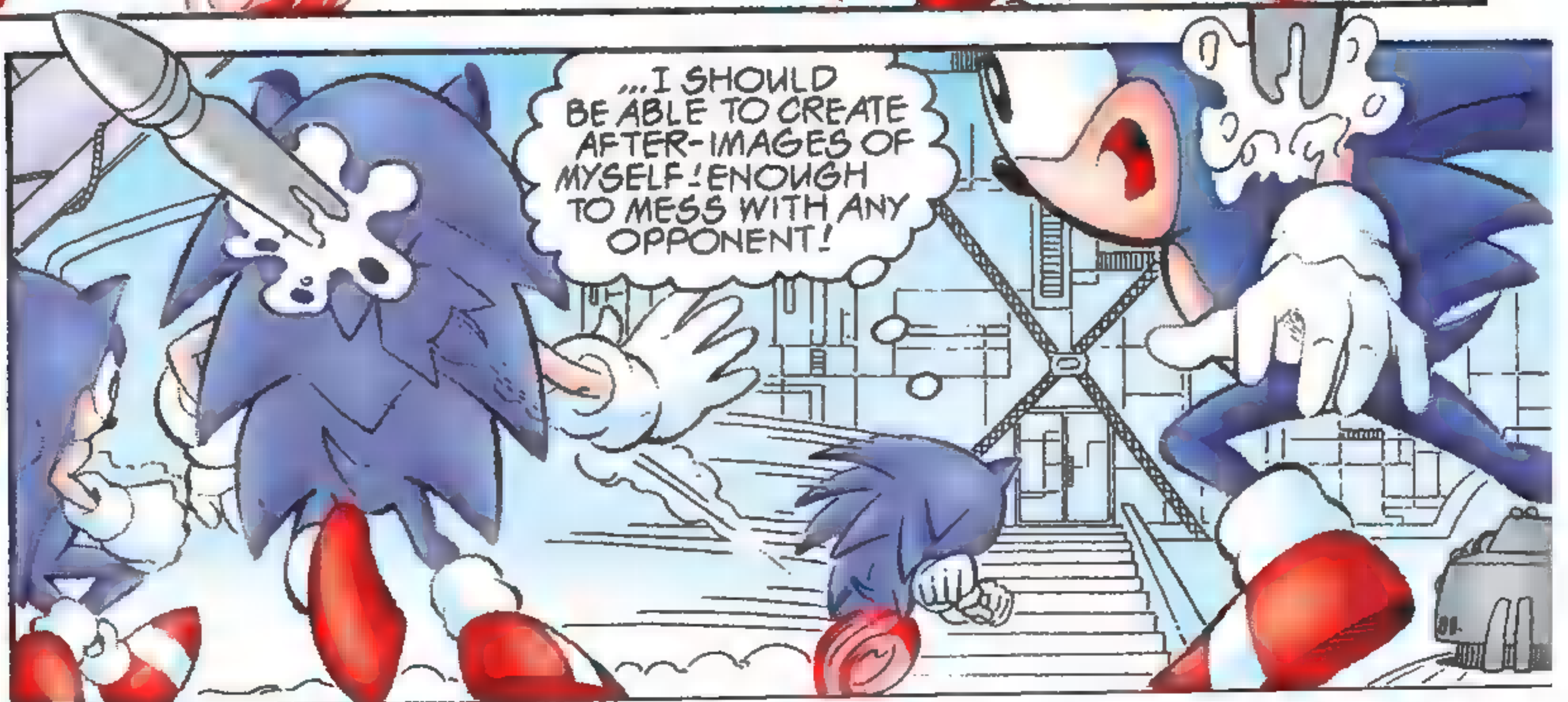
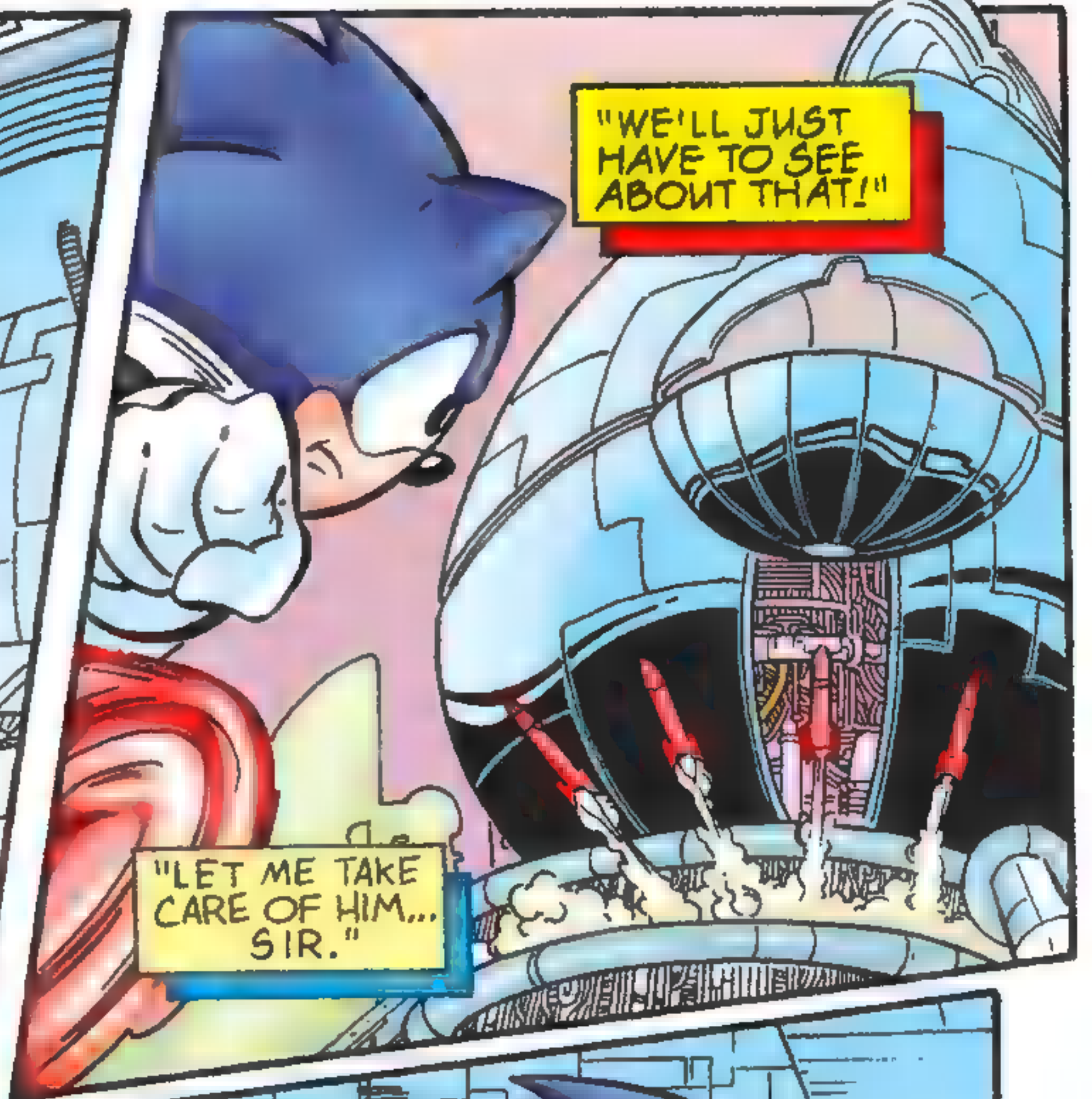
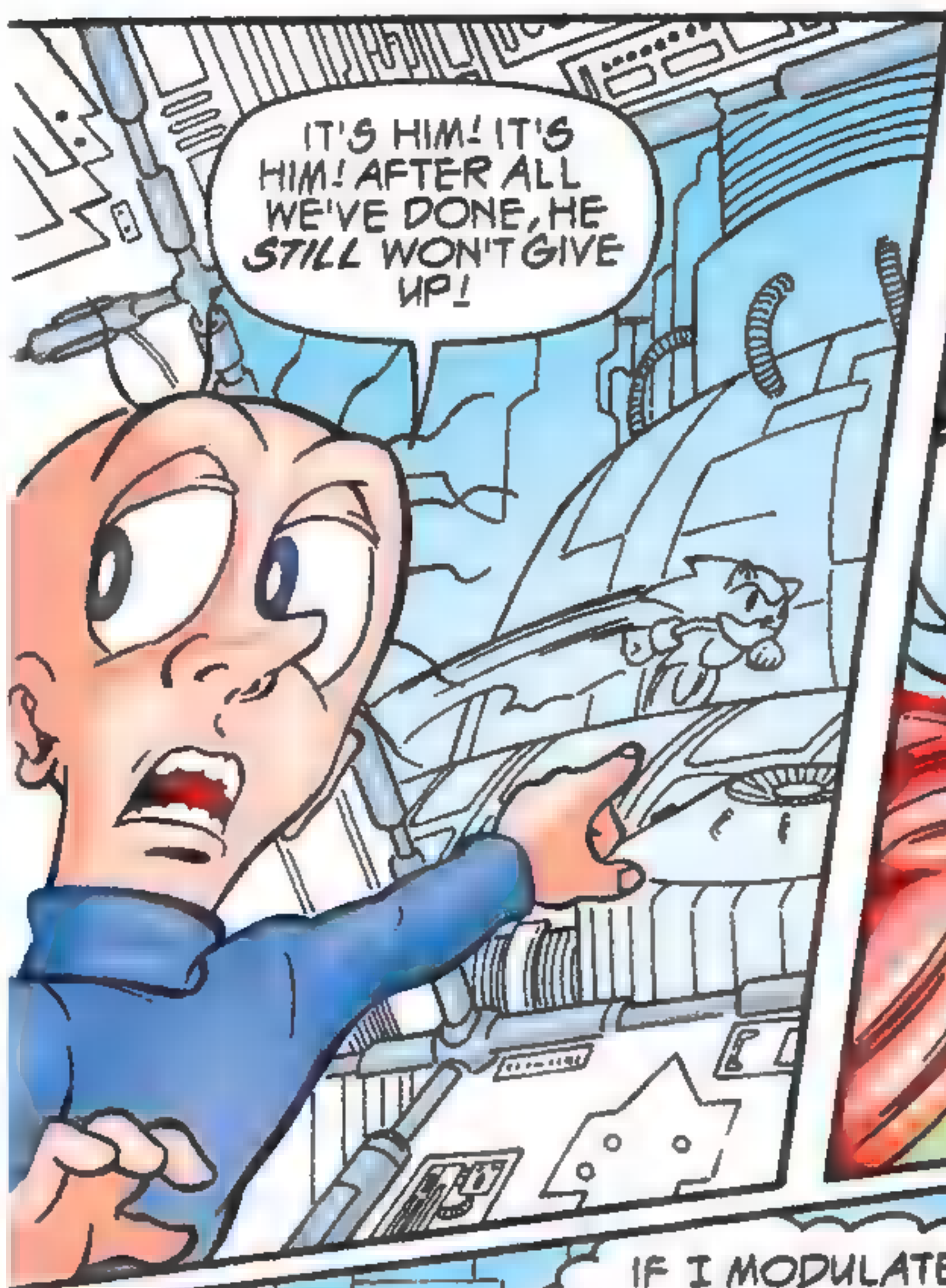




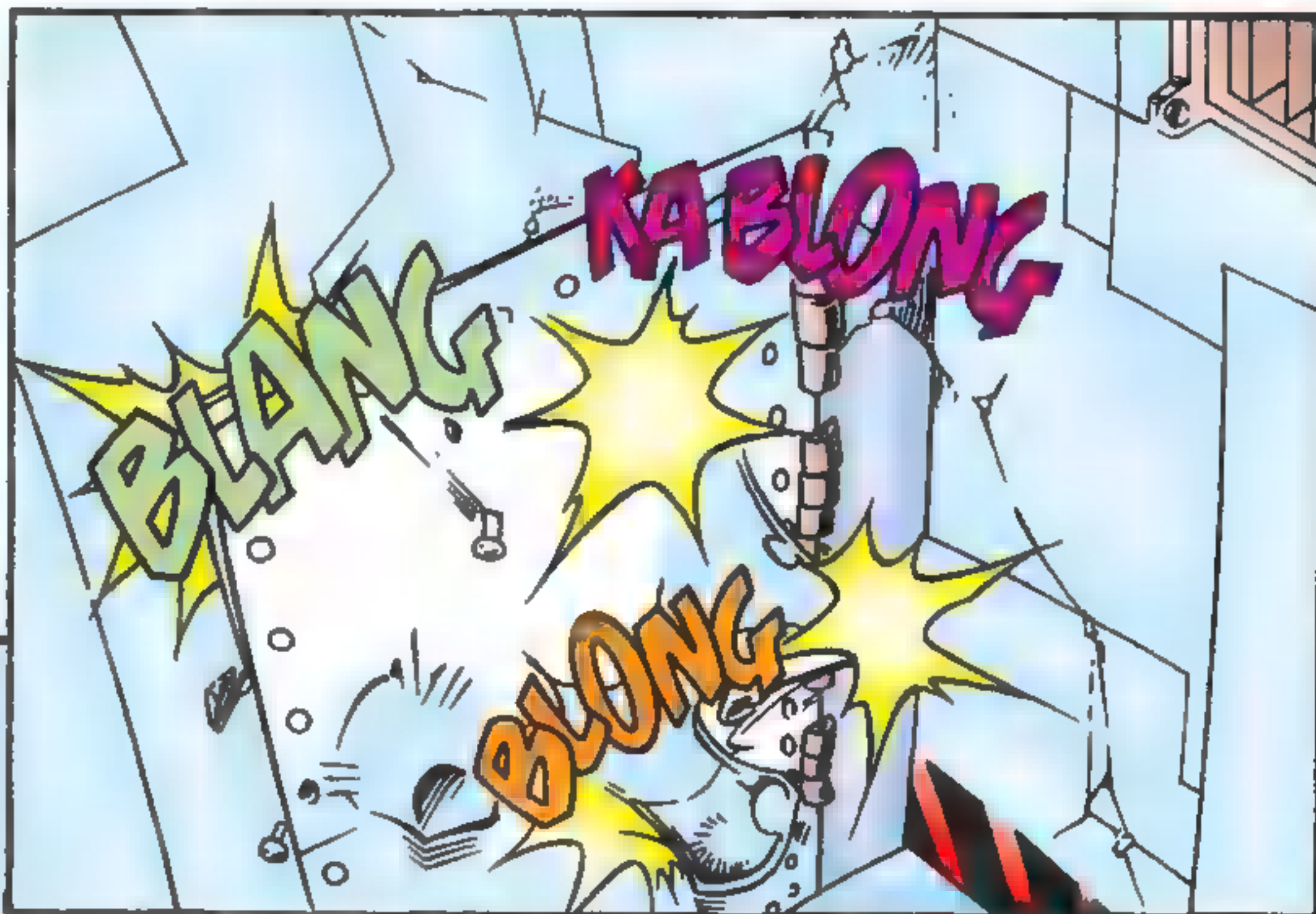












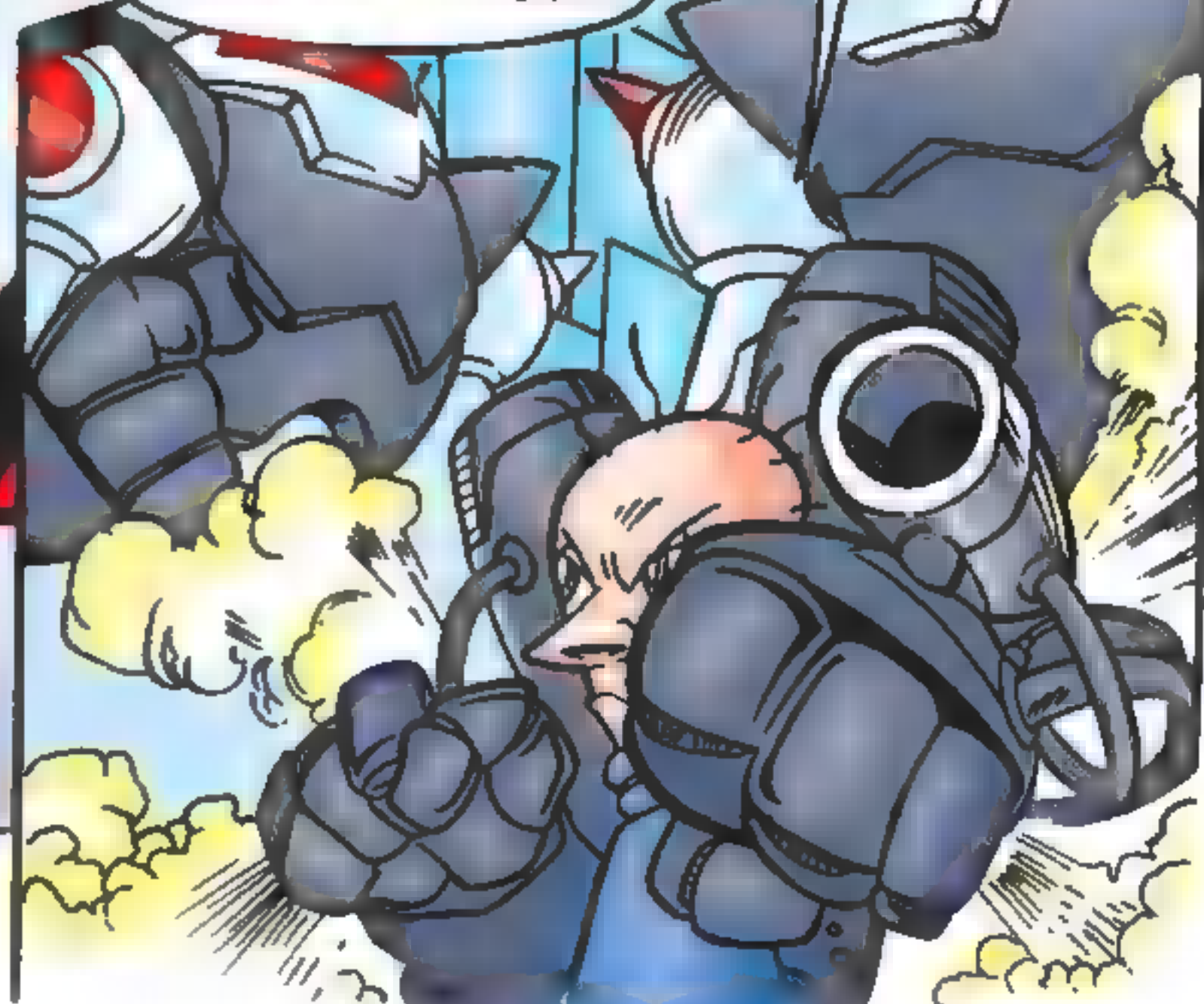
OUTTA MY WAY,  
SWATBOTS!

OH GOODY  
LOOK WHO'S  
COME TO  
PLAY!

SNIVELY.

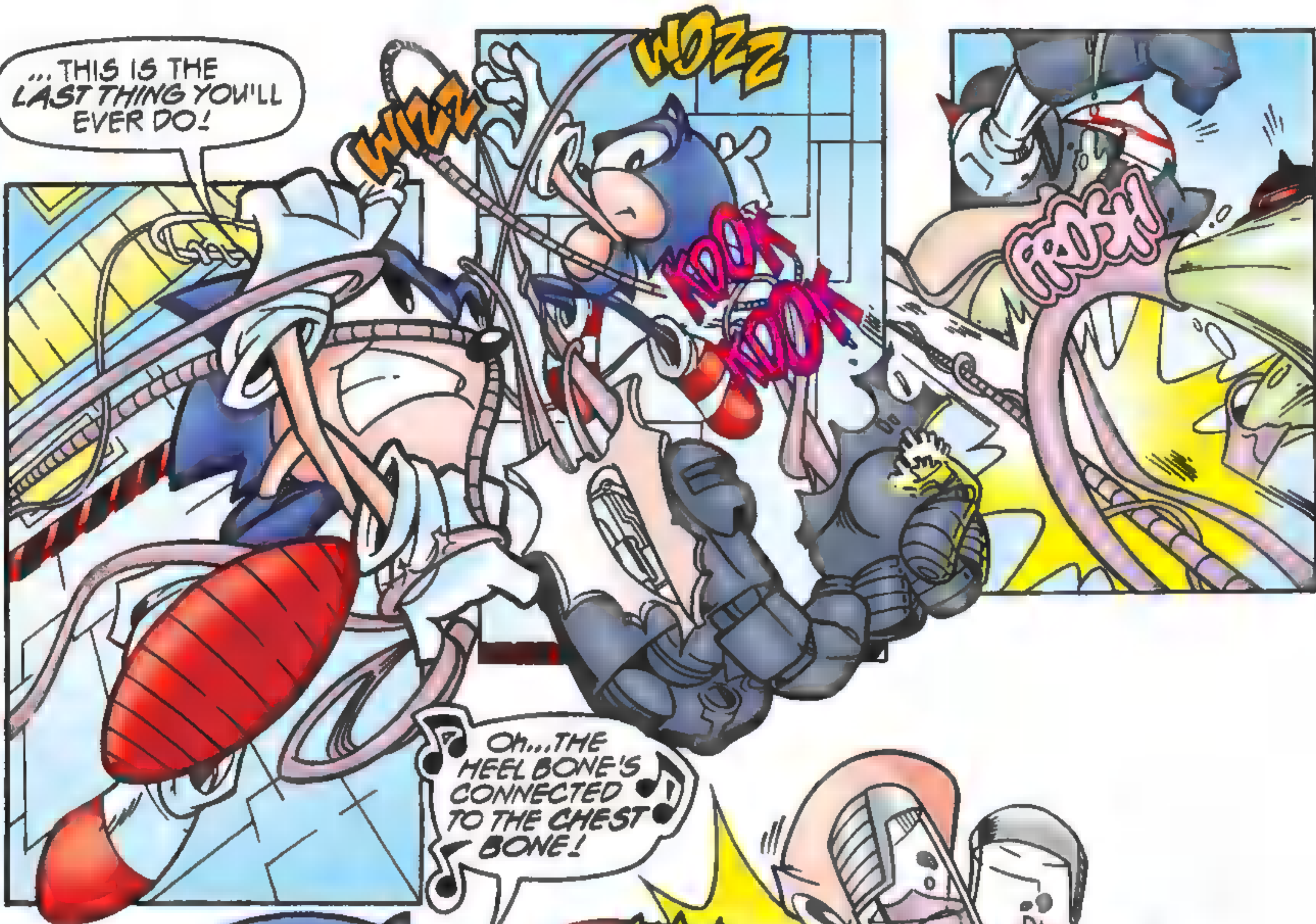
HEDGEHOG... IF  
THIS IS THE LAST  
THING I EVER DO, I'LL  
SEE YOU NEVER  
MAKE IT INSIDE!

YOU'RE RIGHT  
ABOUT ONE THING,  
NEEDLE-NOSE...

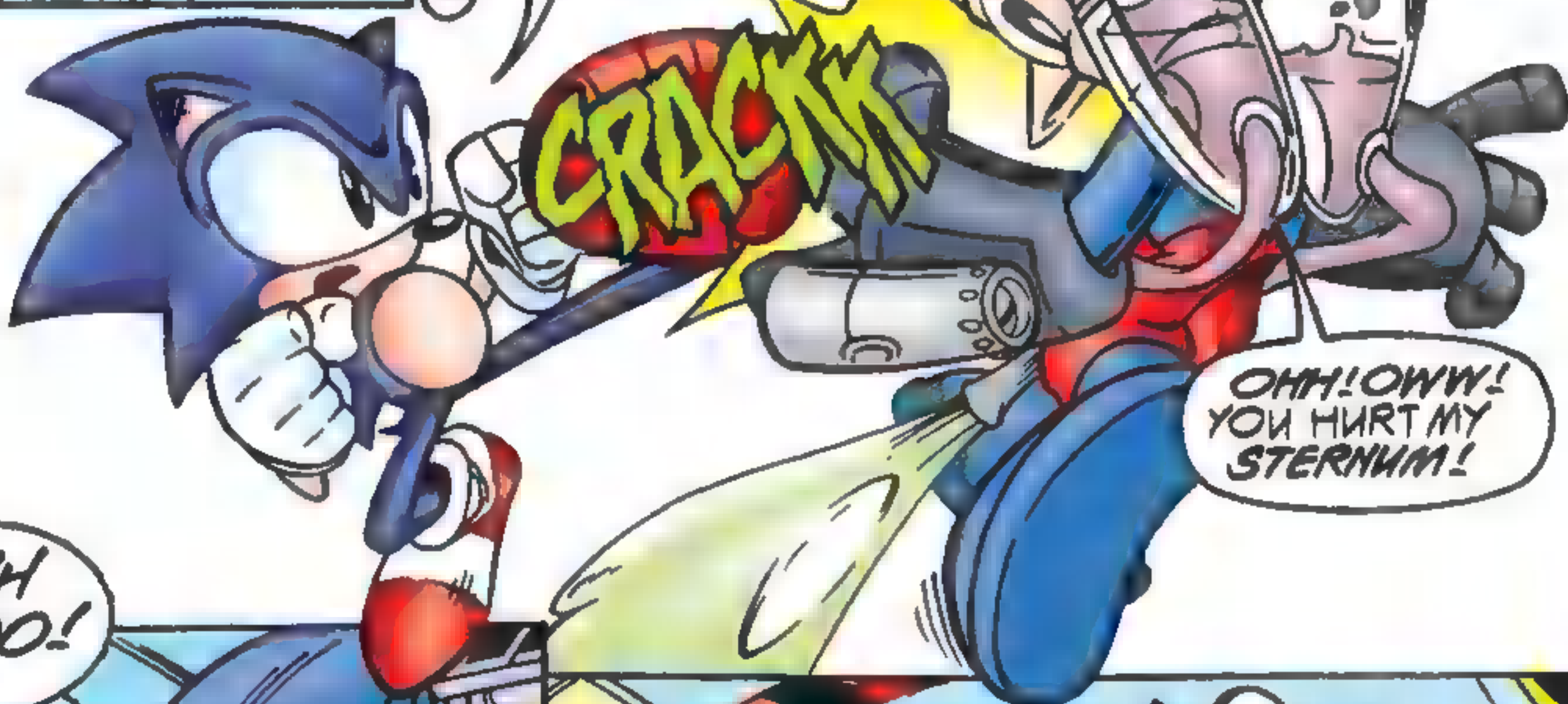




... THIS IS THE  
LAST THING YOU'LL  
EVER DO!

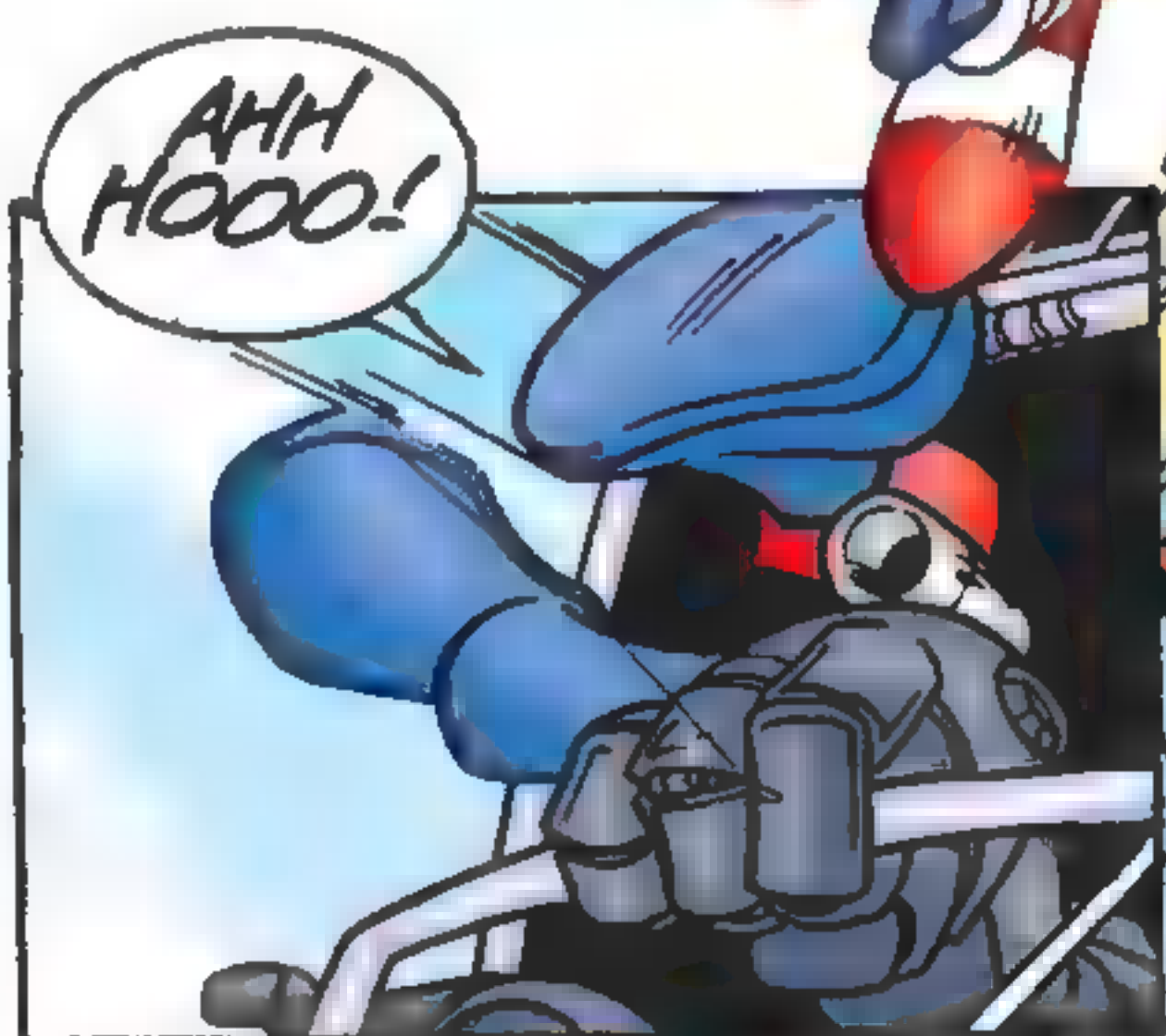


Oh... THE  
HEEL BONE'S  
CONNECTED  
TO THE CHEST  
BONE!



CRACKK

OHH! OWW!  
YOU HURT MY  
STERNUM!



AHH  
HOOO!

LOOKS LIKE  
MY SIDE KICK SENT  
ROBOTNIK'S SIDE-  
KICK RIGHT DOWN  
THE DRAIN!

GOOD! NOW  
I CAN FOCUS MY  
ATTENTION ON...  
OOFF!



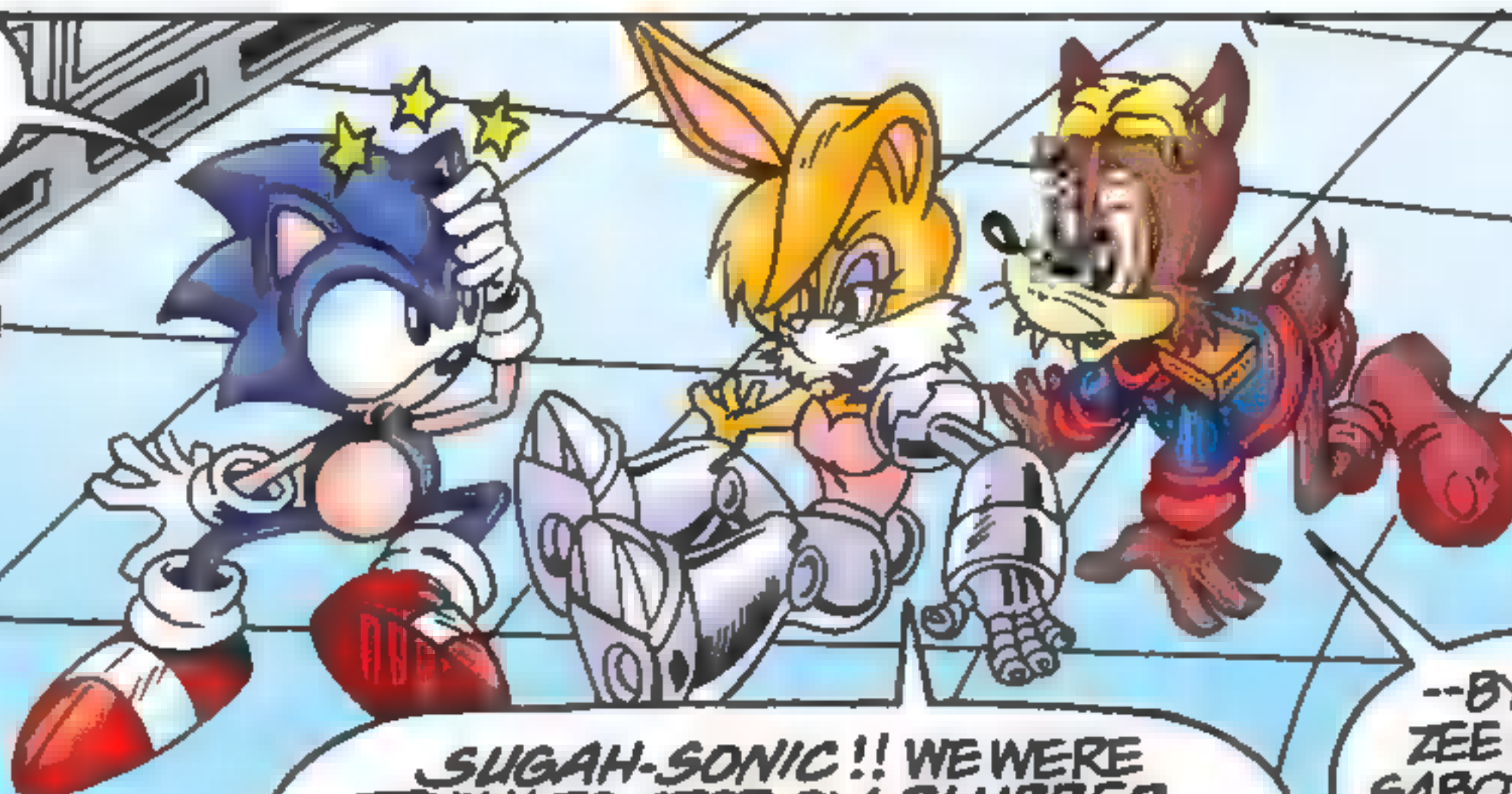
GONK



WHERE DID THAT BRICK WALL COME FROM ALL OF A SUDDEN?

FOR THE LUVVA--  
ANTOINE!!!  
BUNNIE!!

HOW  
DID YOU  
GUYS GET  
HERE?!

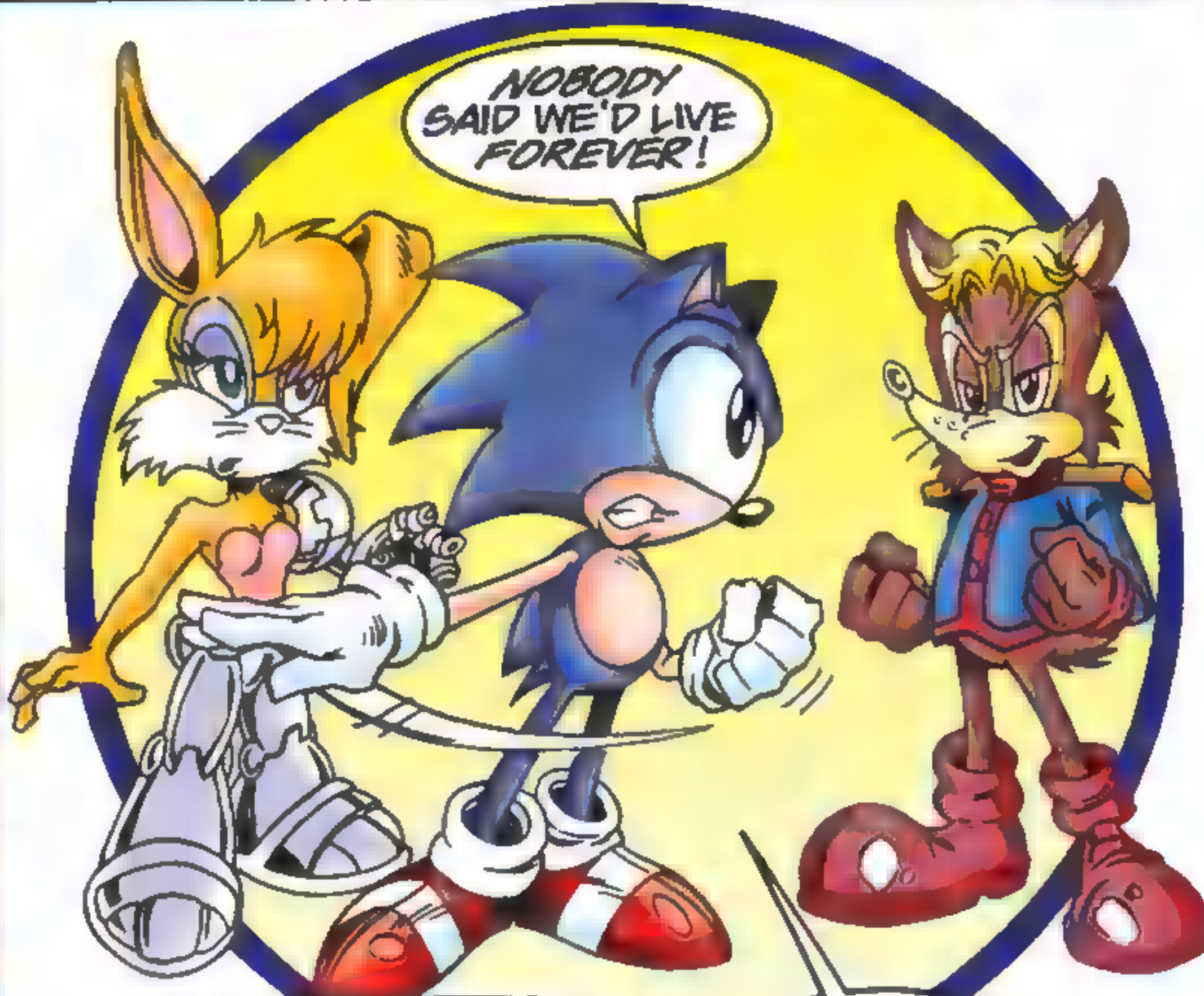


SUGAH-SONIC!! WE WERE  
TRYIN' TO STOP OL' BLUBBER  
BOTTOM FROM WIPIN' OUT ANOTHOLE--

--BY PLACING  
ZEE BOMB TO  
SABOTAGE EES  
WEAPON!

ONCE WE PLANT ZIS  
WHERE EET WILL DO ZEE  
MOST DAMAGE, EET'LL  
BE SET TO DETONATE  
WITHIN 10 MINUTES  
TIME!

EET WE  
DON'T MAKE IT  
OUT BEFORE  
ZEN, WELL...



NOBODY  
SAID WE'D LIVE  
FOREVER!

BESIDES, IF THAT'S  
THE PRICE FOR TAKING  
DOWN 'BUTT-NICK--

--LET'S DO  
IT TO IT!

SONIC!!  
WAIT!!

WHAIRE  
ARE YOU  
GOING?!



TO BUY  
YOU GUYS  
TIME!

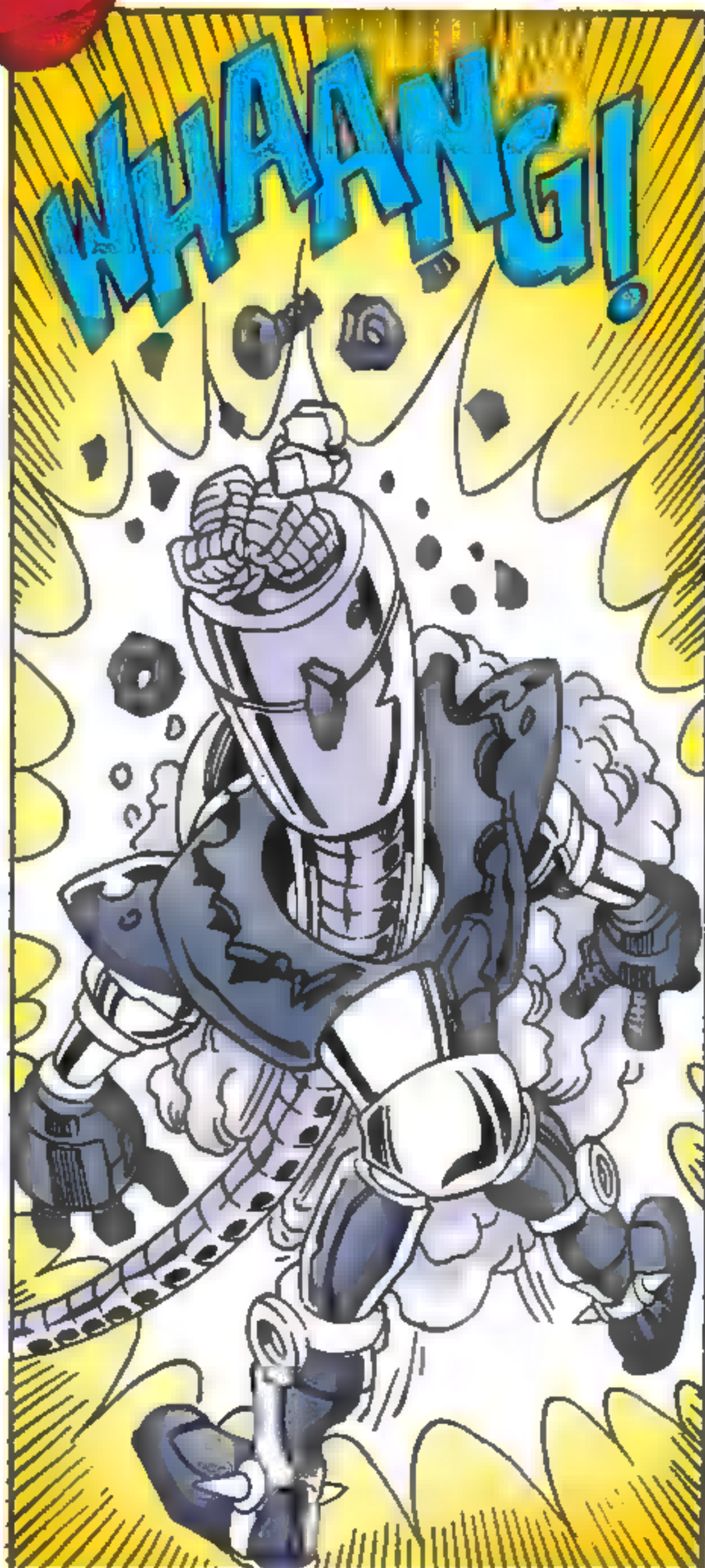
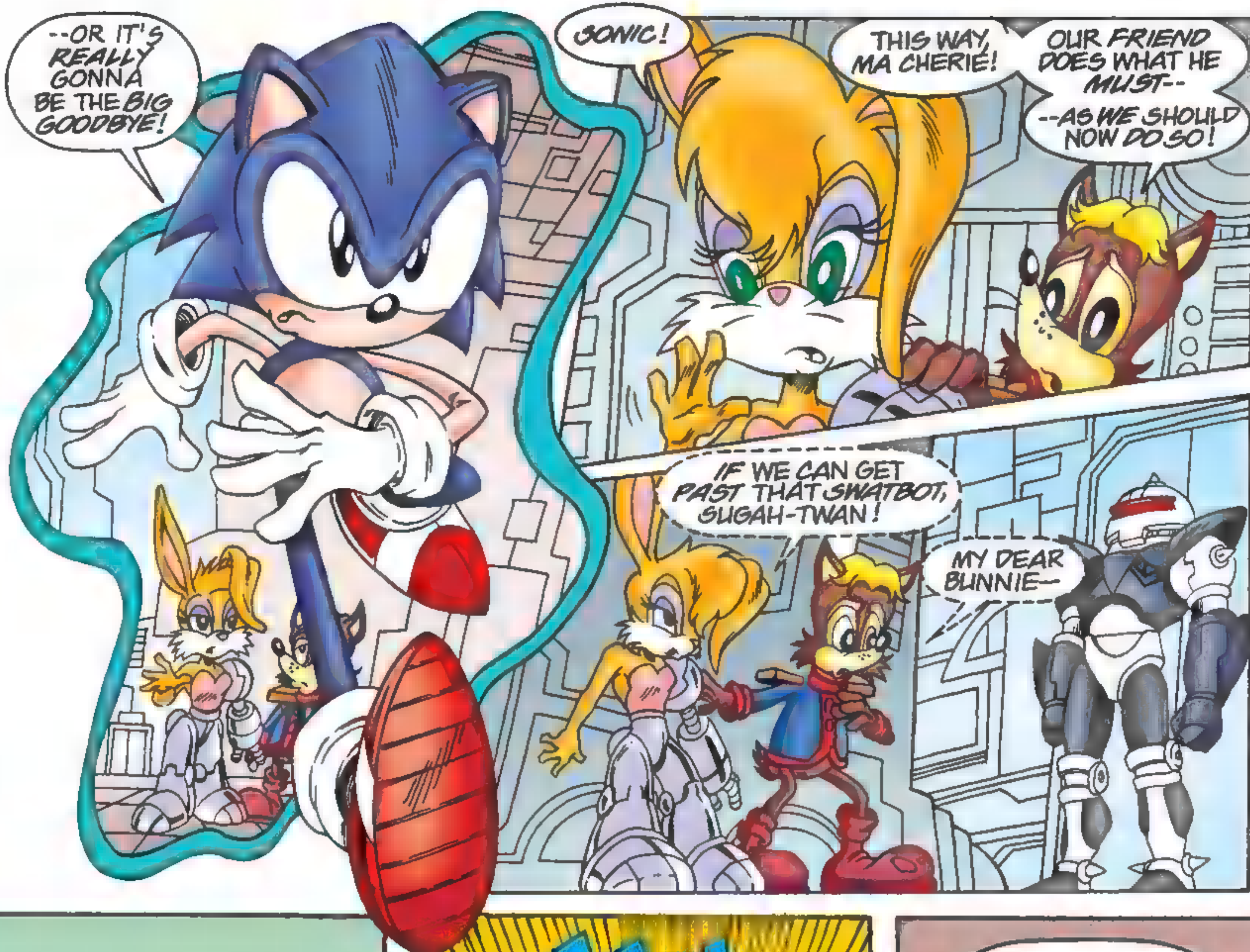
BUT,  
SONIC--

NO "BUTS",  
BUNNIE.

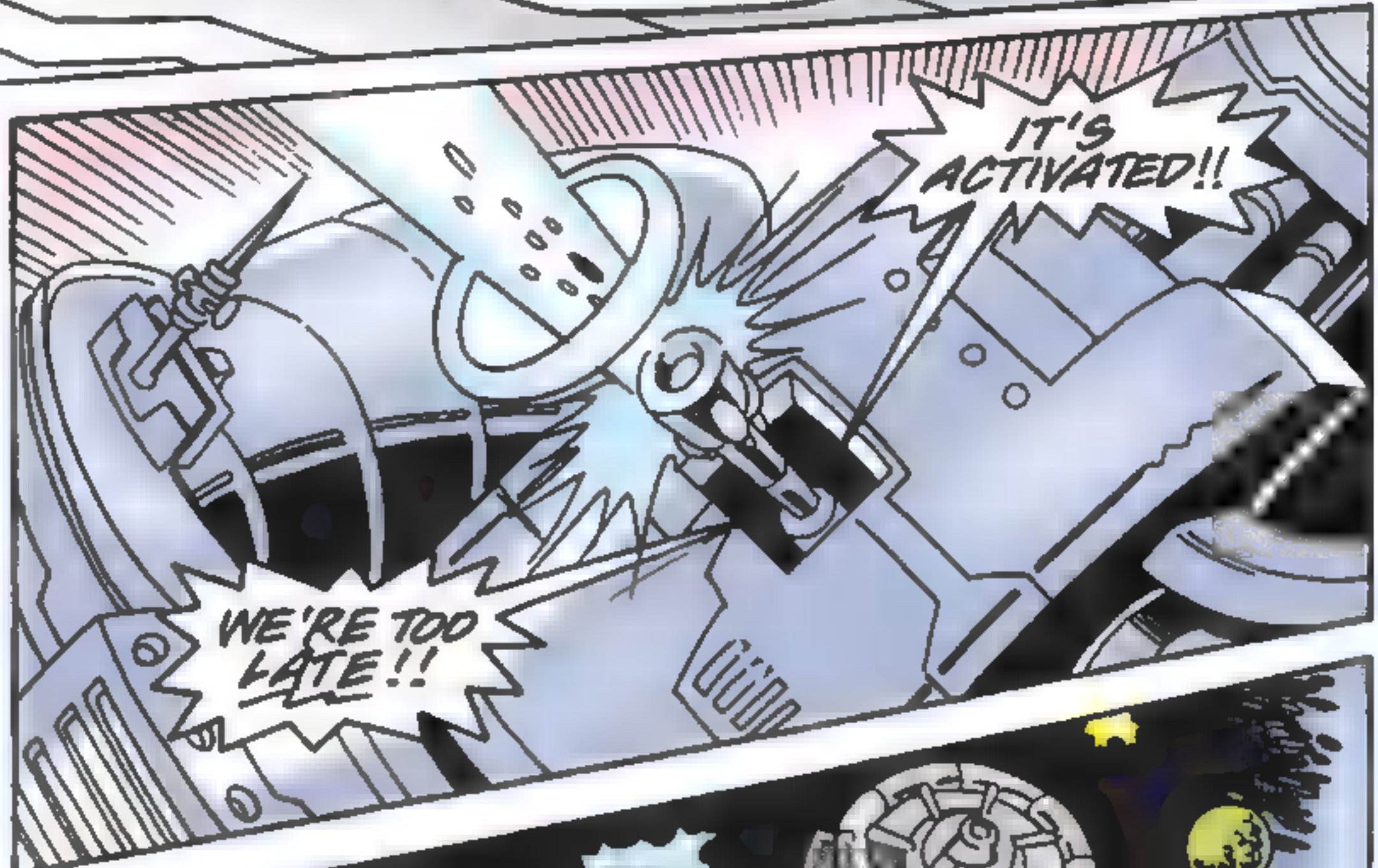
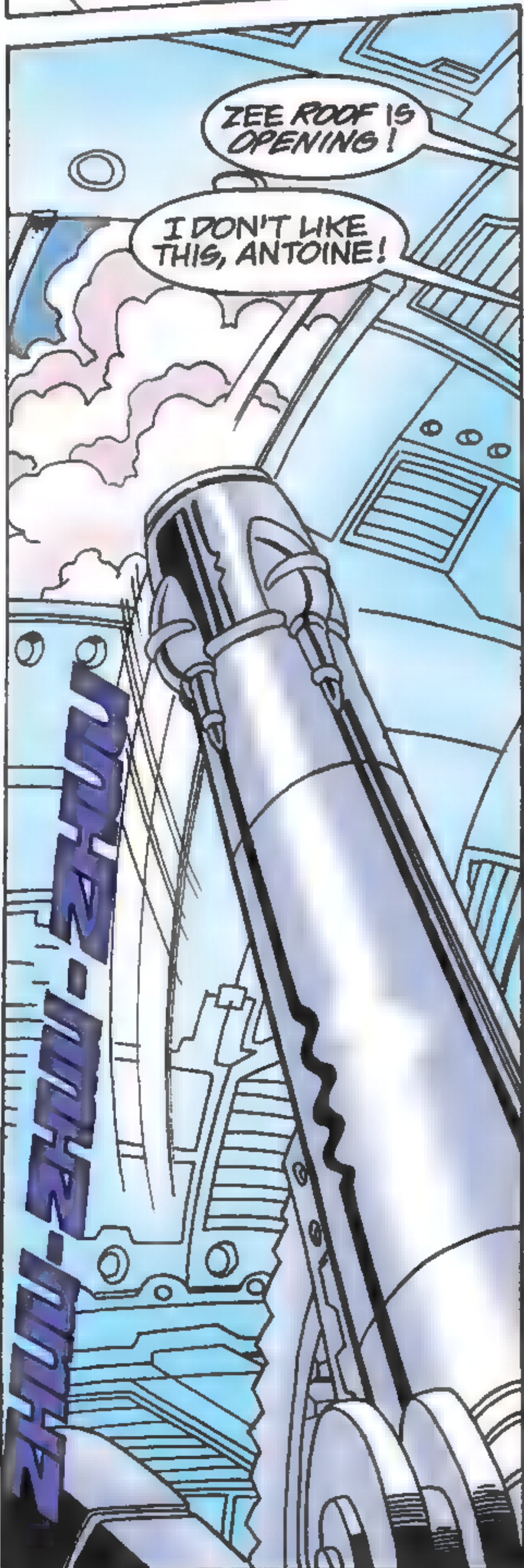
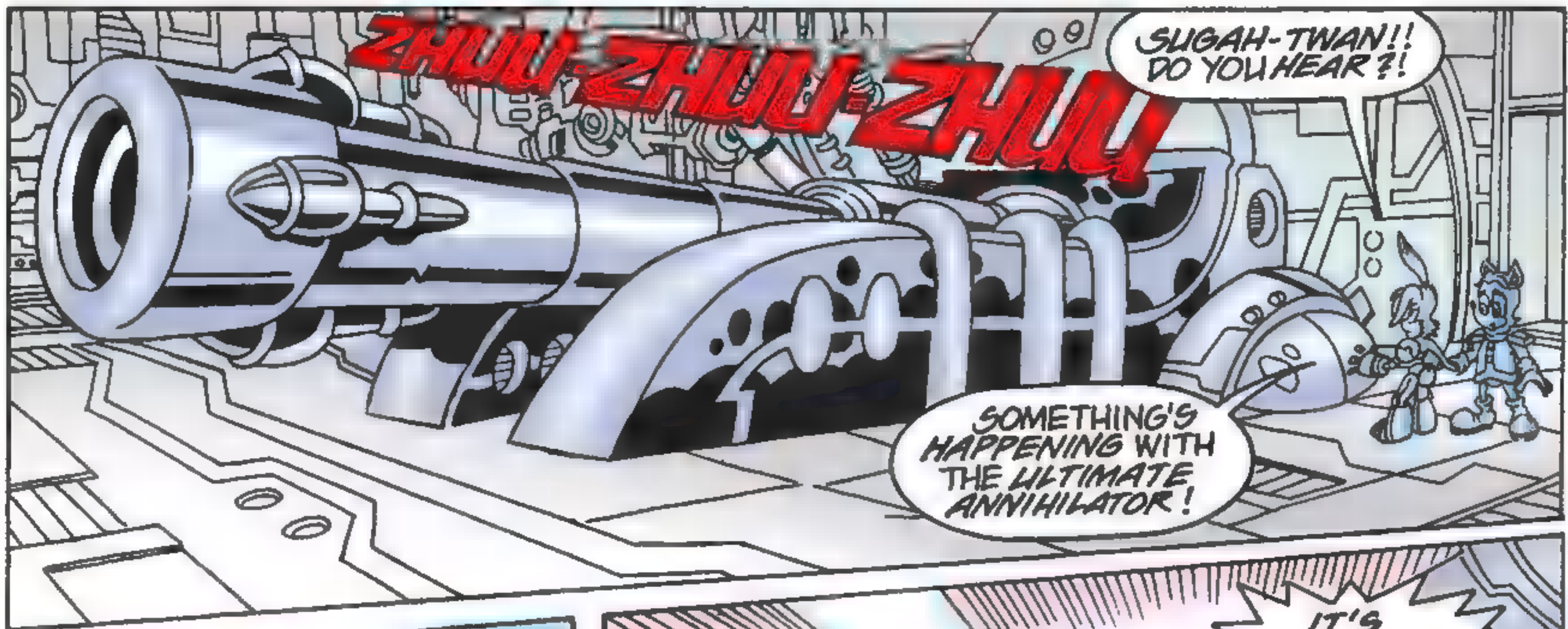
YOU AND 'TWAN  
JUST MAKE SURE  
WHEN THAT  
DOOHICKEY OF  
YOURS BLOWS--



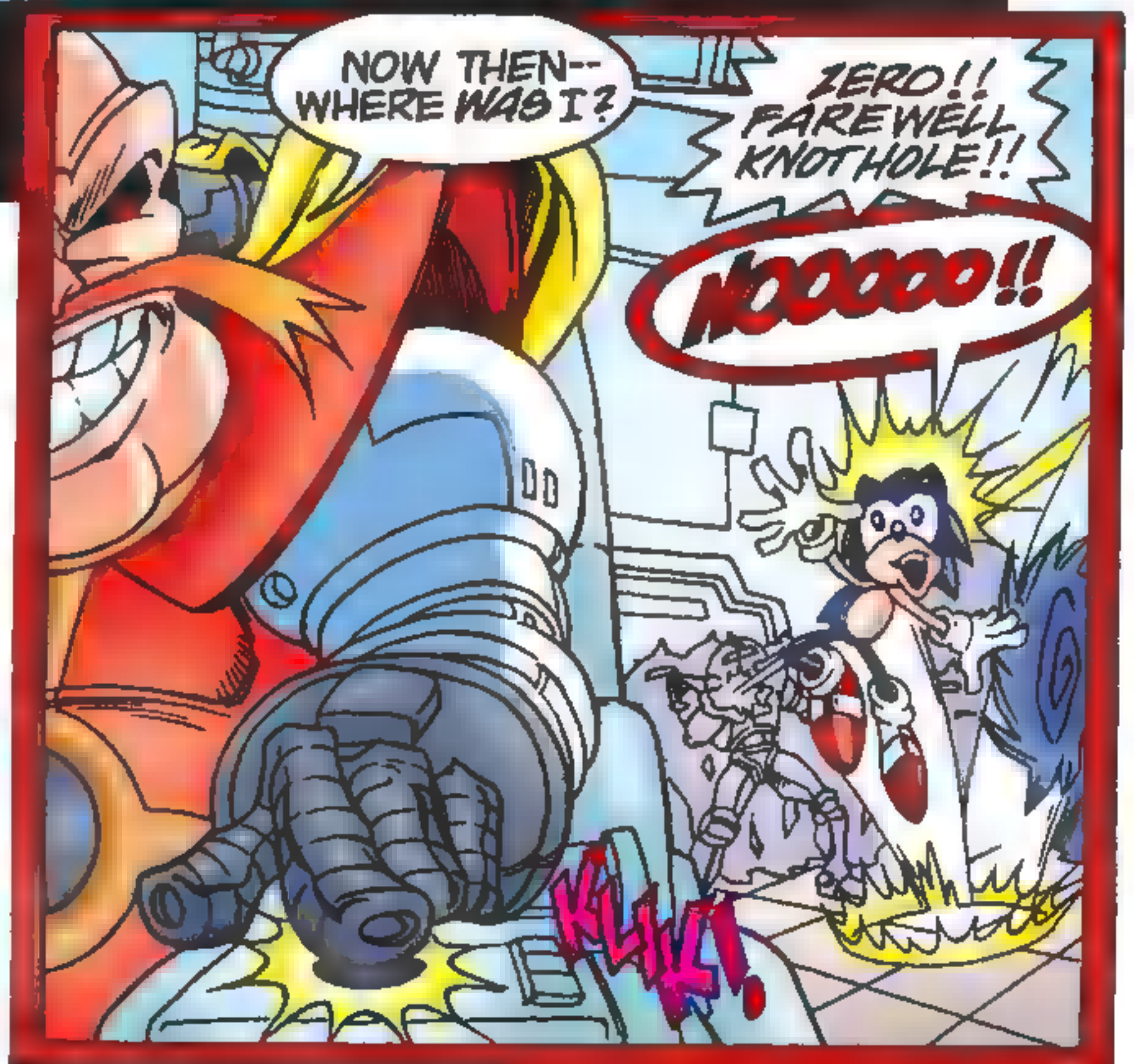
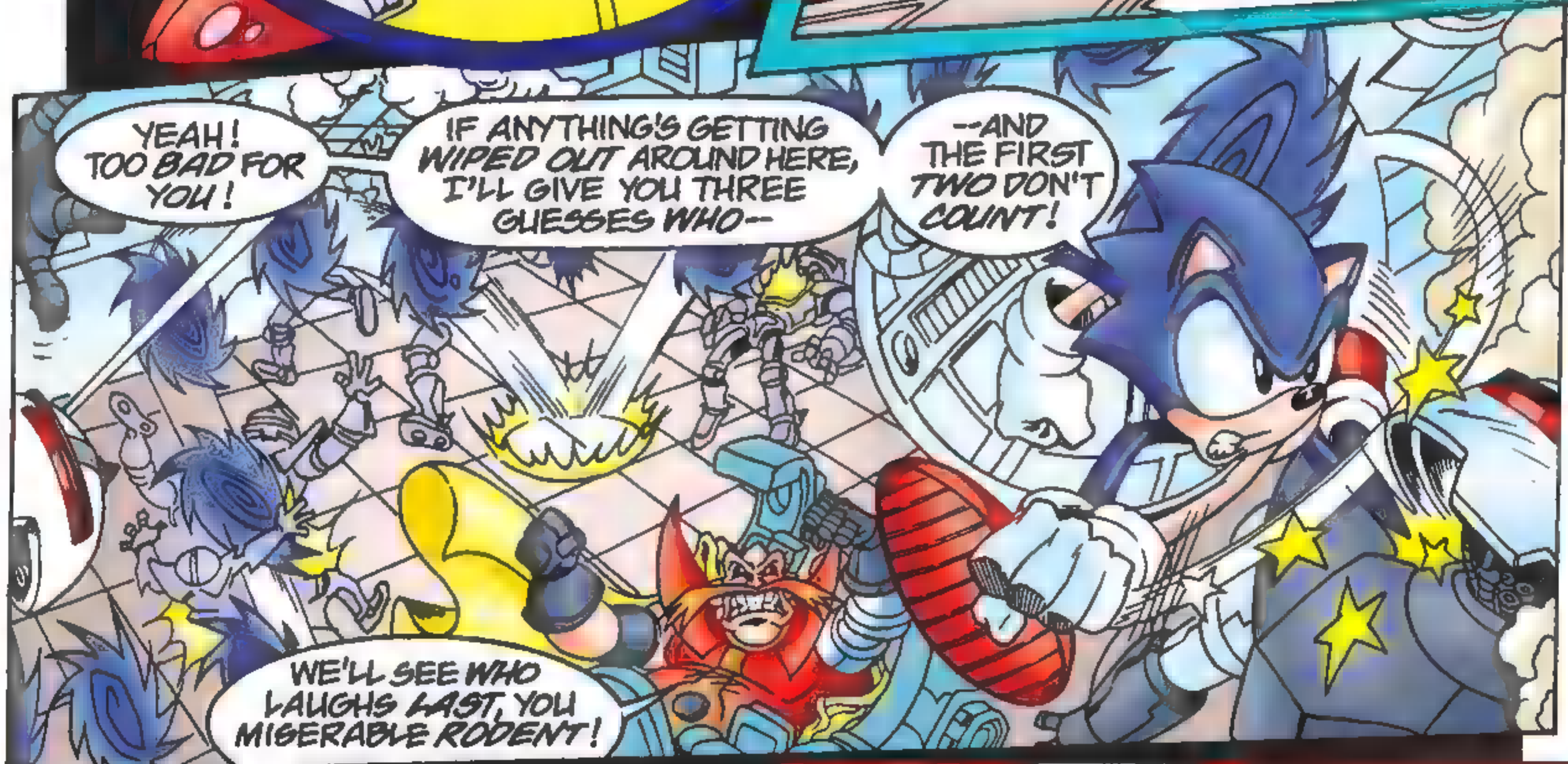
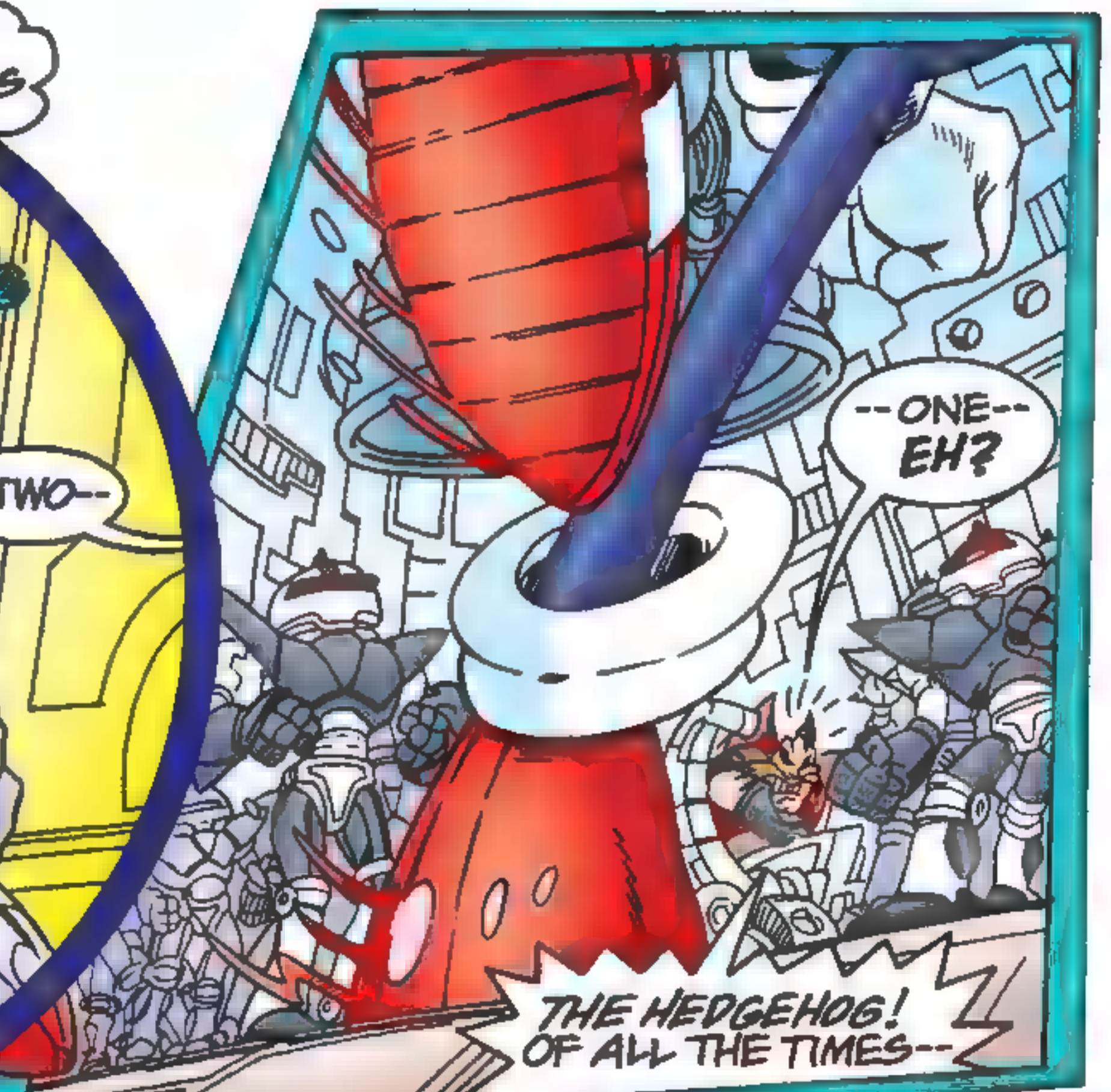
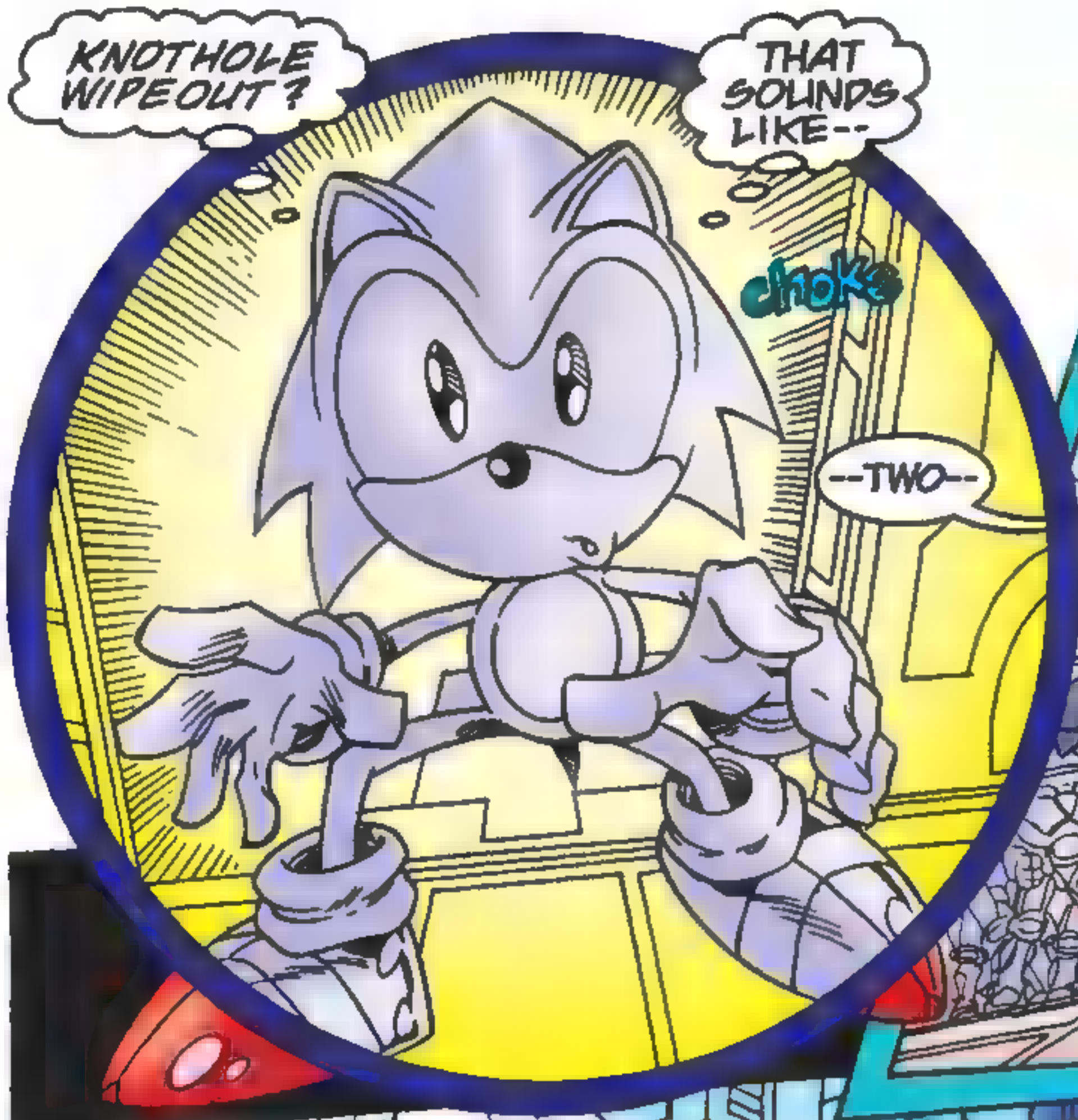












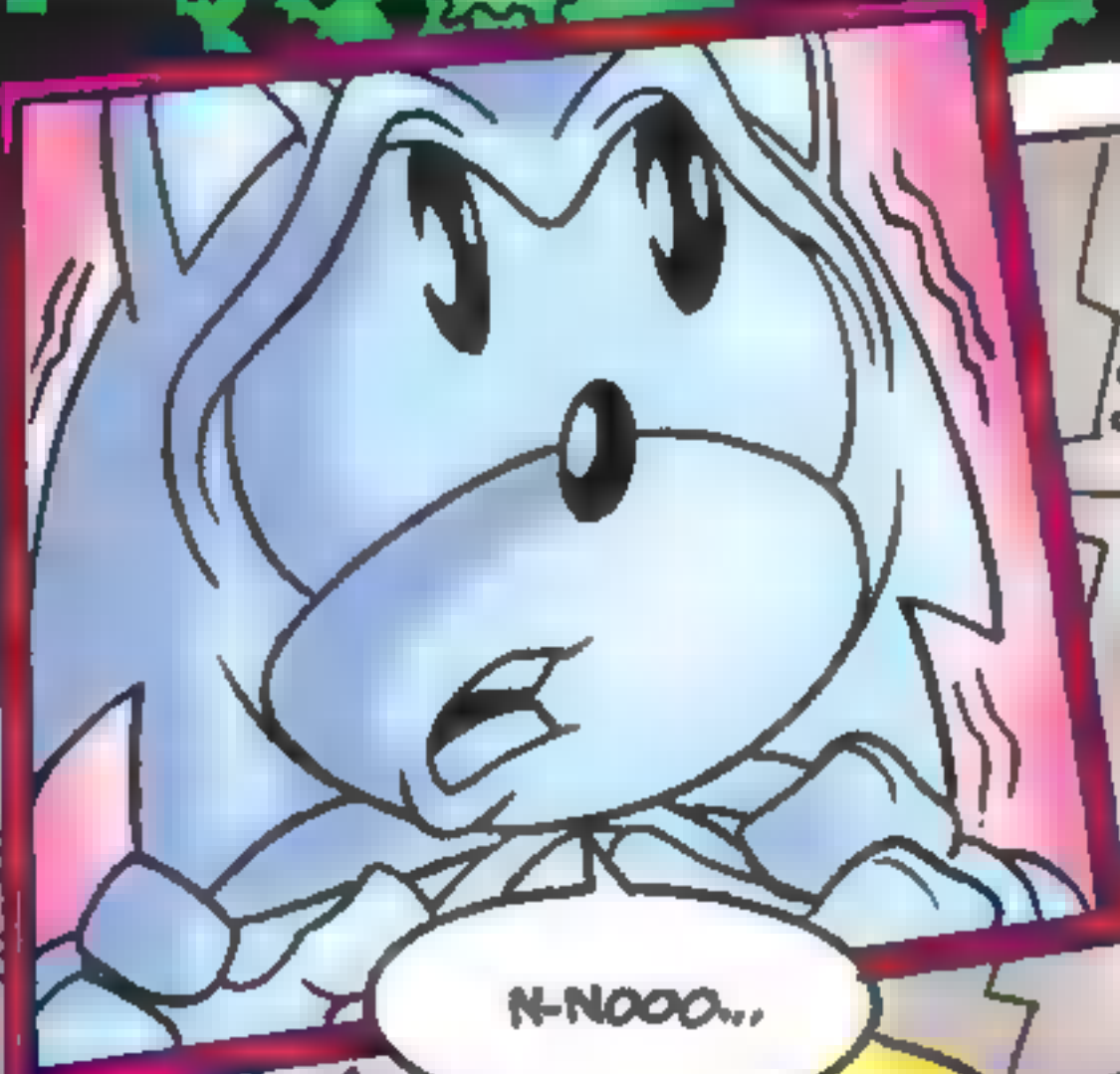


WITH BUT THE  
PRESS OF A  
BUTTON...

AN ENERGY BEAM OF  
IMMENSE MAGNITUDE  
IS UNLEASHED,  
FOCUSED ON ONE  
SPECIFIC LOCATION...

AFTER ALL  
THIS TIME--

KNOTHOLE AND  
ITS CITIZENS ARE  
ELIMINATED!



N-NOOO...

ALL MY FRIENDS...  
EVERYONE THAT EVER  
MATTERED...

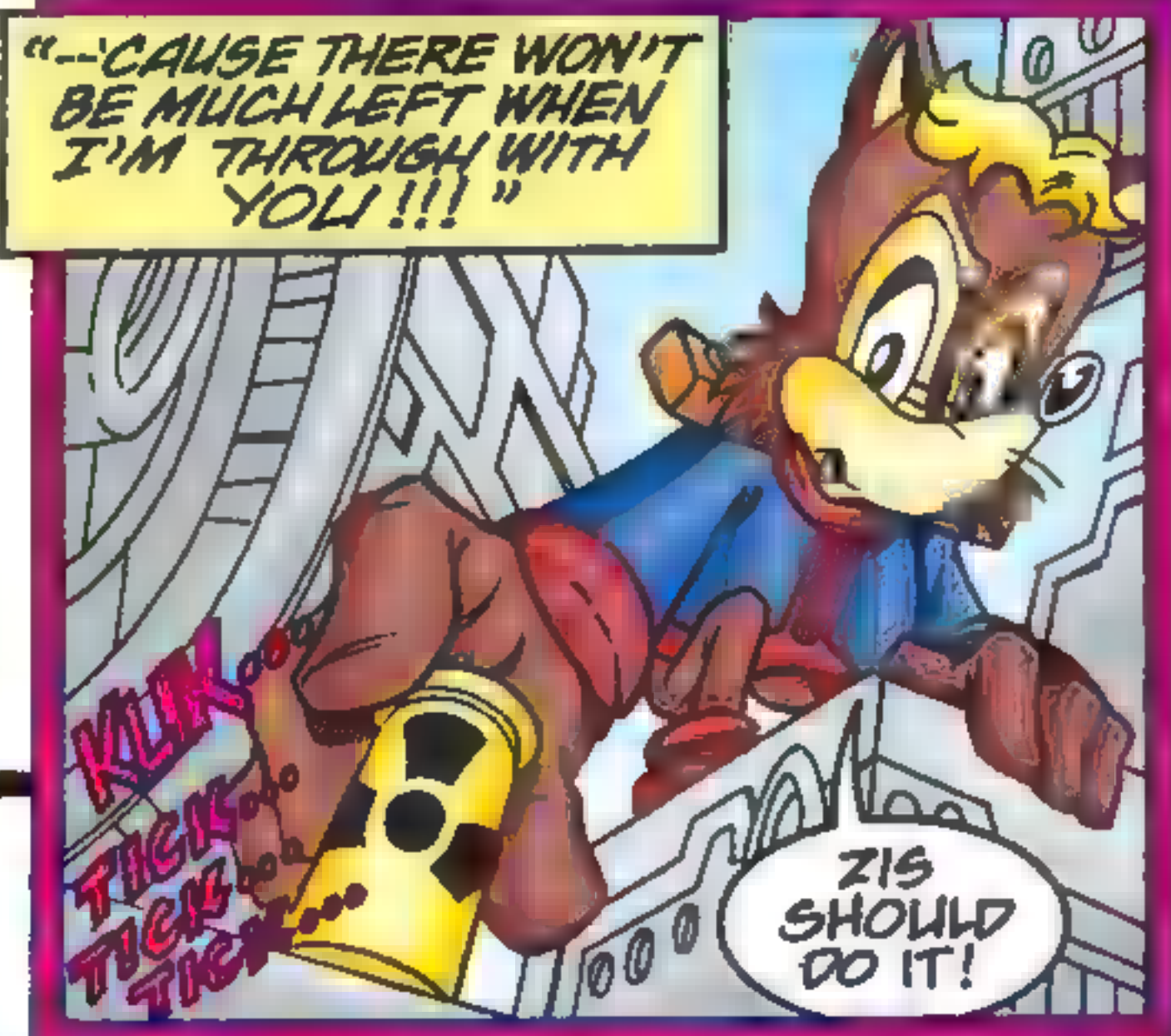
EVERYTHING  
ALL GONE!  
BECAUSE OF YOU,  
ROBOTNIK!!

BAAA  
SHHH!!

YOU BETTER RUN,  
ROBO-BUTT !!!--



"...CAUSE THERE WON'T BE MUCH LEFT WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH YOU!!!"

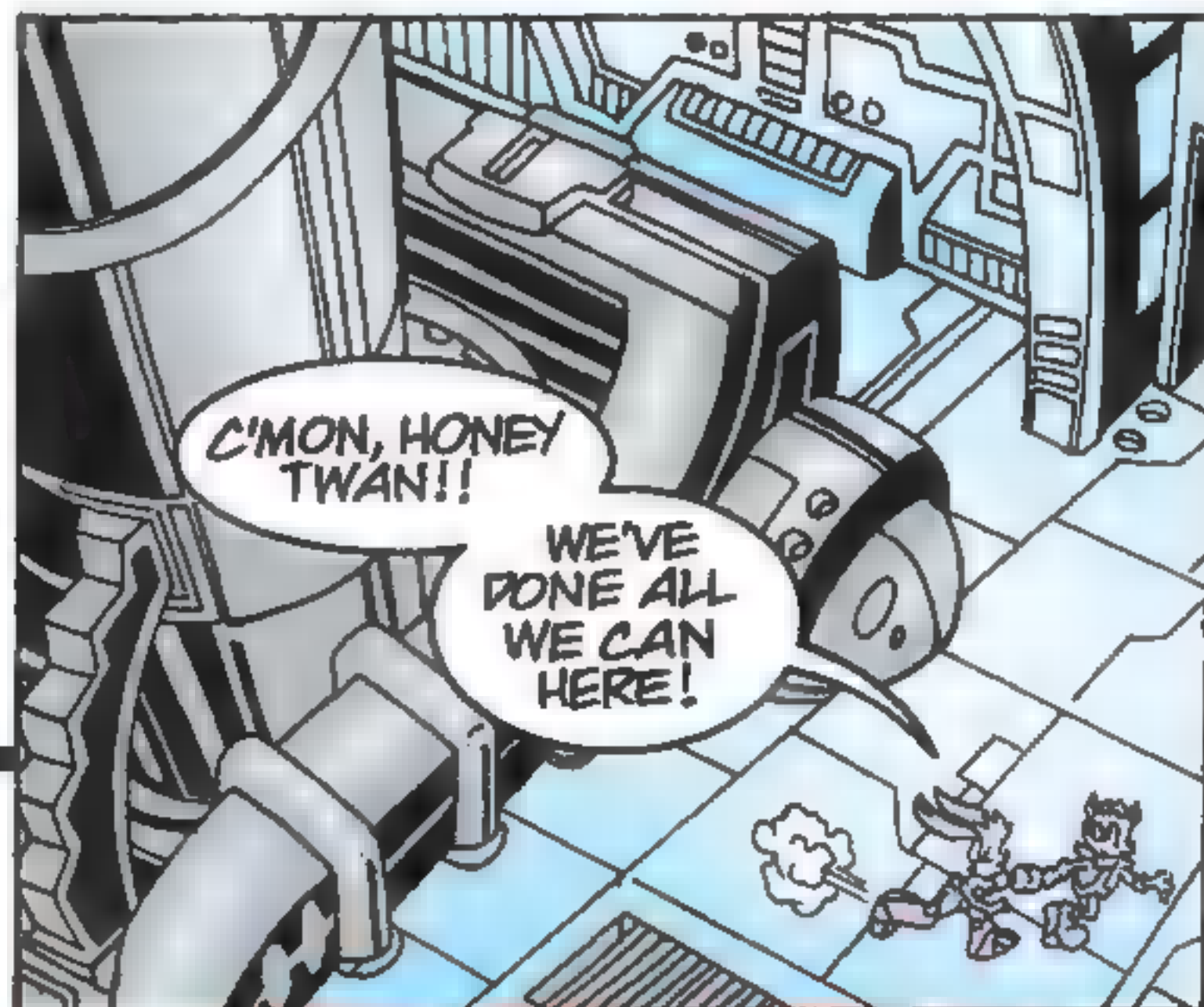


KLIK...  
TICK...  
TICK...  
TICK...

ZIS SHOULD DO IT!

C'MON, HONEY TWAN!!

WE'VE DONE ALL WE CAN HERE!



**BOOM!**

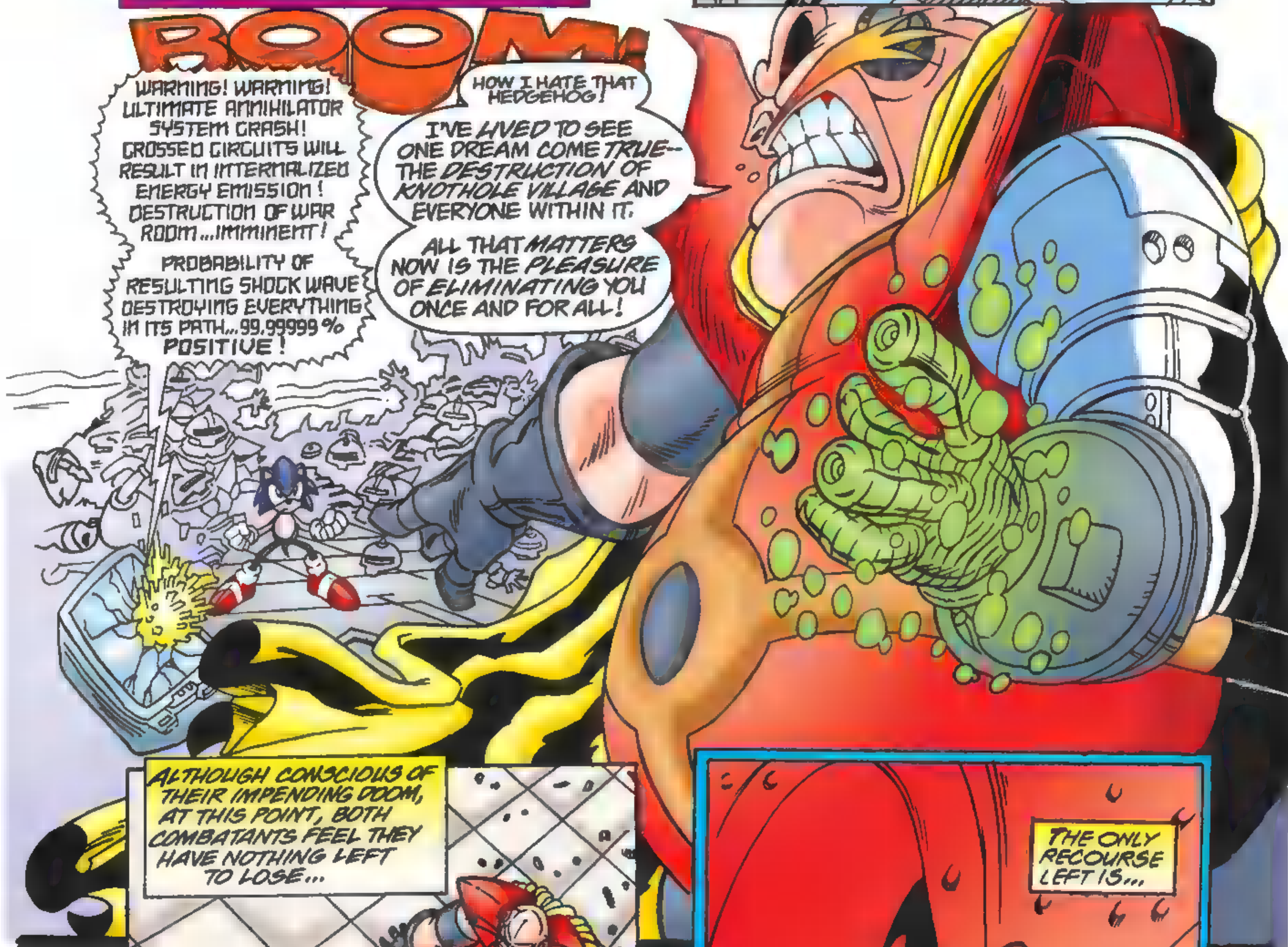
WARNING! WARNING!  
ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR  
SYSTEM CRASH!  
CROSSED CIRCUITS WILL  
RESULT IN INTERNALIZED  
ENERGY EMISSION!  
DESTRUCTION OF WAR  
ROOM...IMMINENT!

PROBABILITY OF  
RESULTING SHOCK WAVE  
DESTROYING EVERYTHING  
IN ITS PATH...99.99999 %  
POSITIVE!

HOW I HATE THAT  
HEDGEHOG!

I'VE LIVED TO SEE  
ONE DREAM COME TRUE--  
THE DESTRUCTION OF  
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE AND  
EVERYONE WITHIN IT.

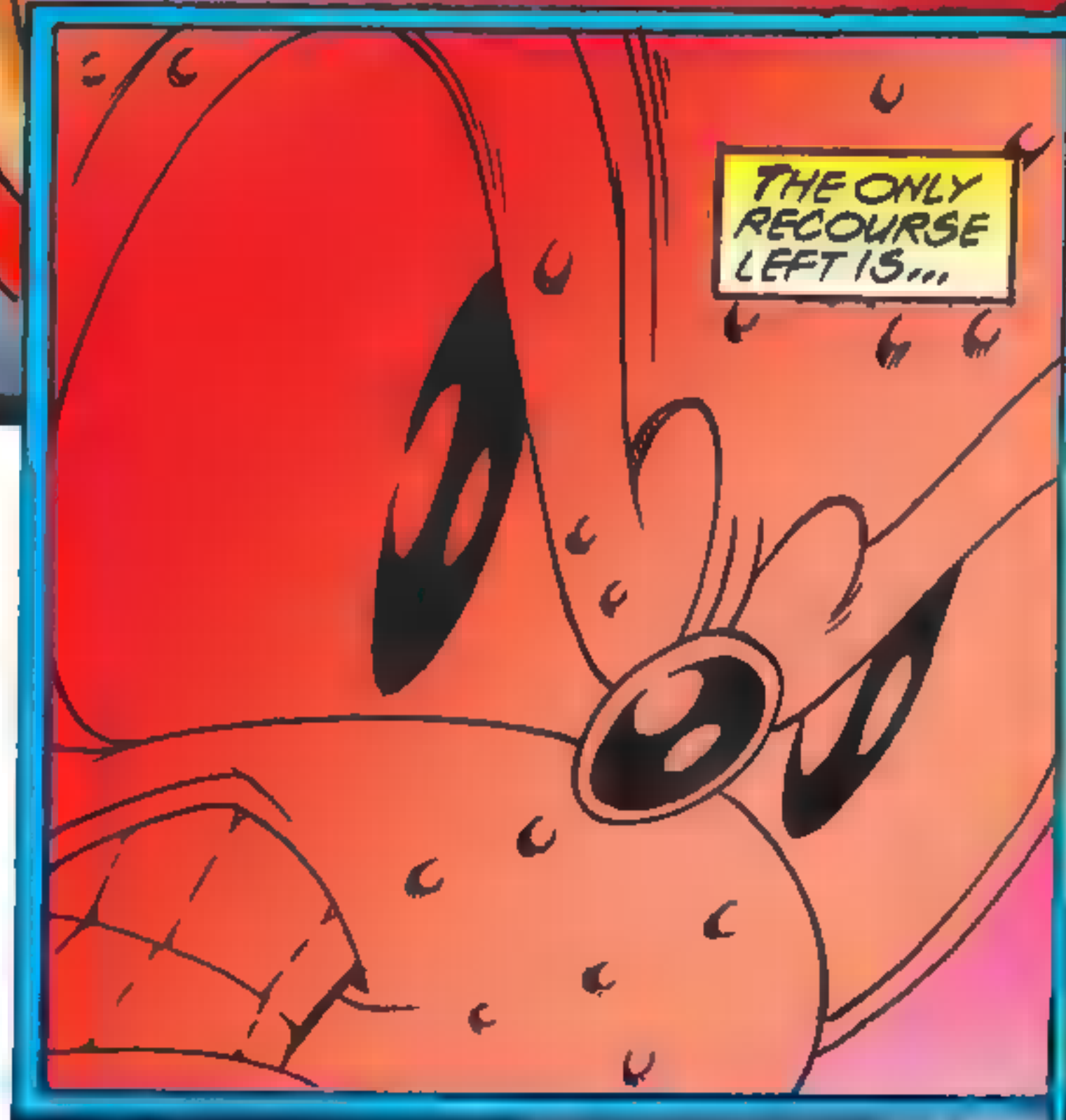
ALL THAT MATTERS  
NOW IS THE PLEASURE  
OF ELIMINATING YOU  
ONCE AND FOR ALL!



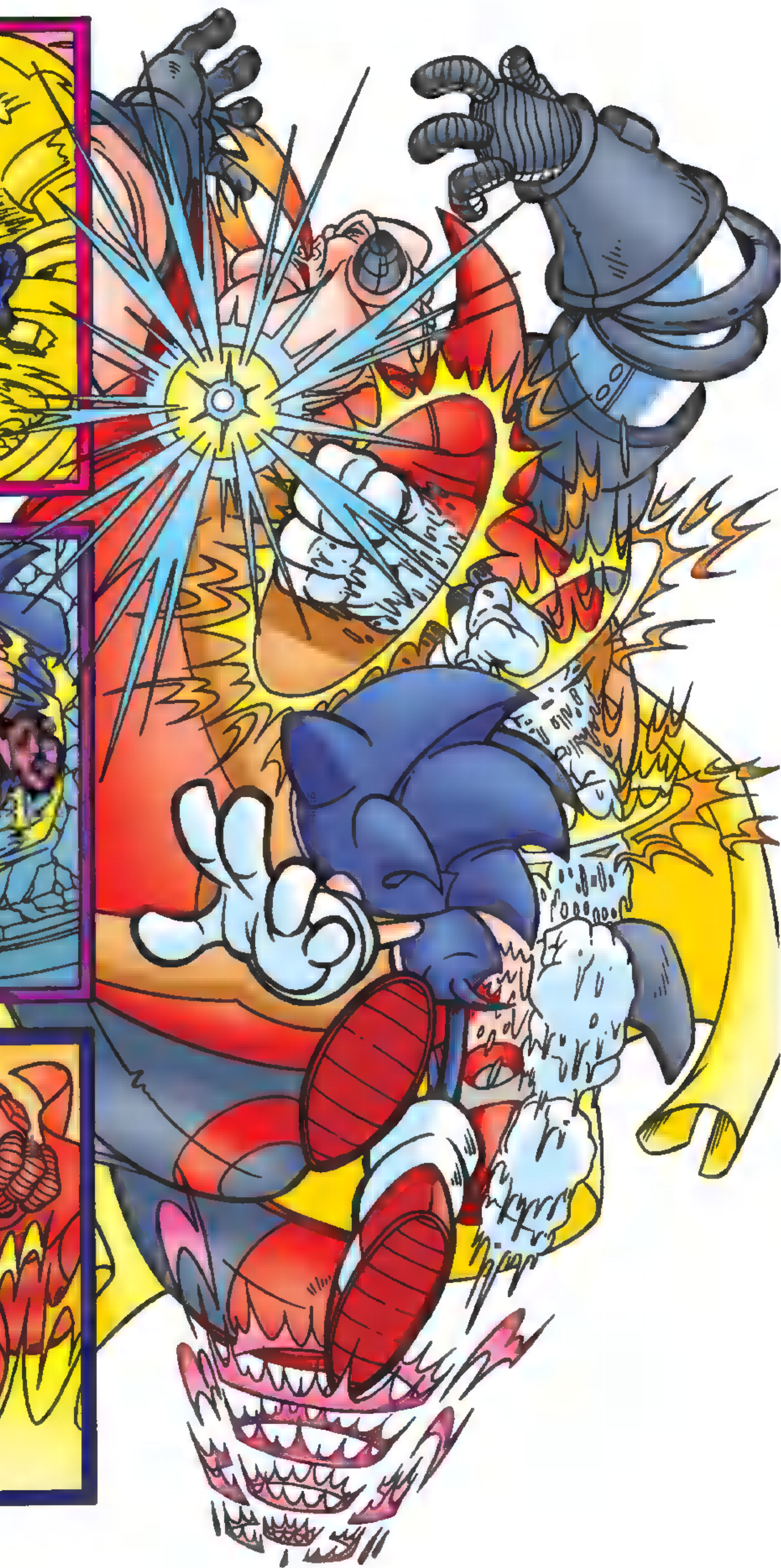
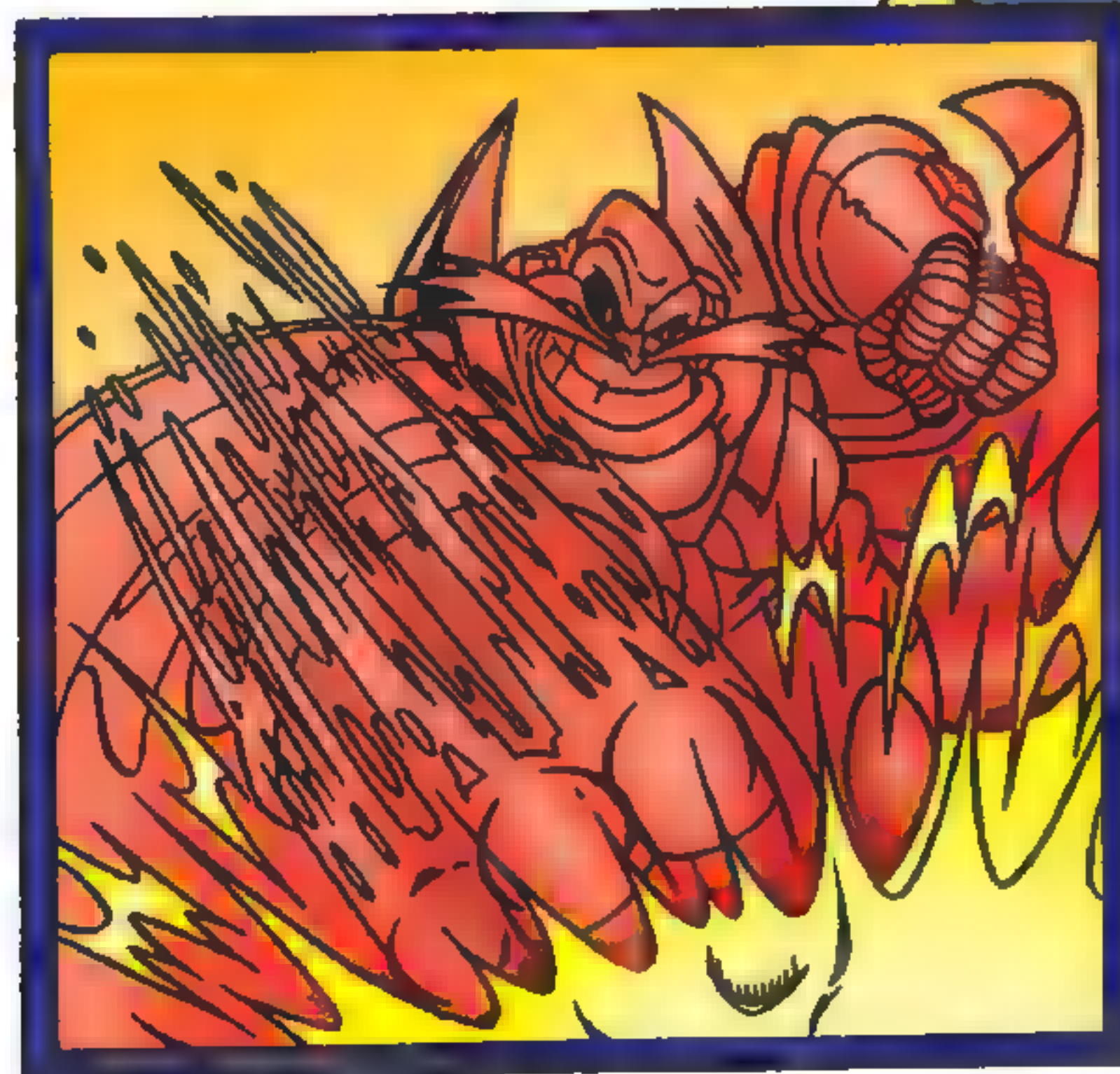
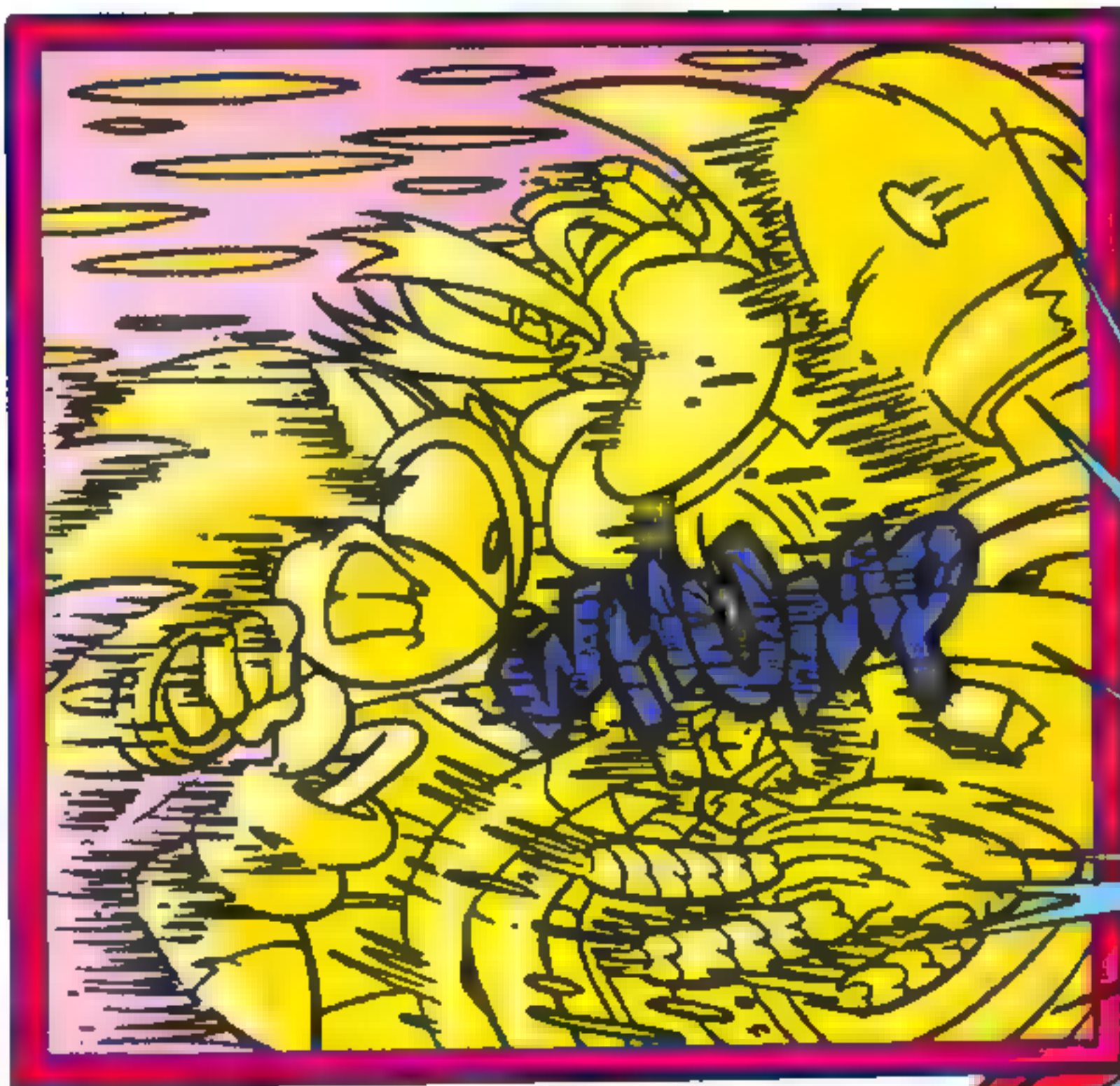
ALTHOUGH CONSCIOUS OF  
THEIR IMPENDING DOOM,  
AT THIS POINT, BOTH  
COMBATANTS FEEL THEY  
HAVE NOTHING LEFT  
TO LOSE...

AFTER YEARS OF  
EXCHANGING INSULTS  
AND VOWS OF PERSONAL  
DESTRUCTION, ALL IS  
SAID AND DONE.

THE ONLY  
RECOURSE  
LEFT IS...



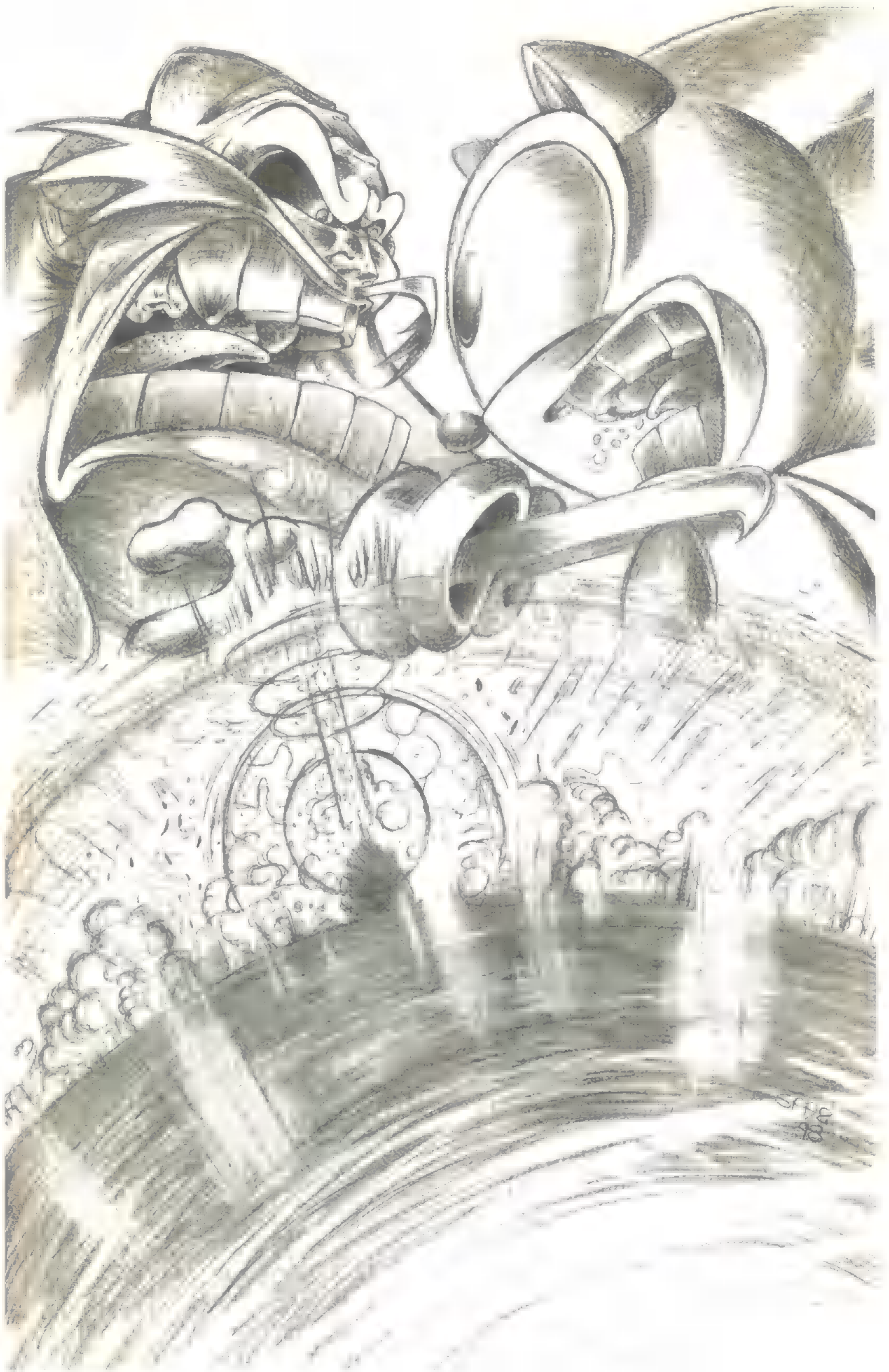








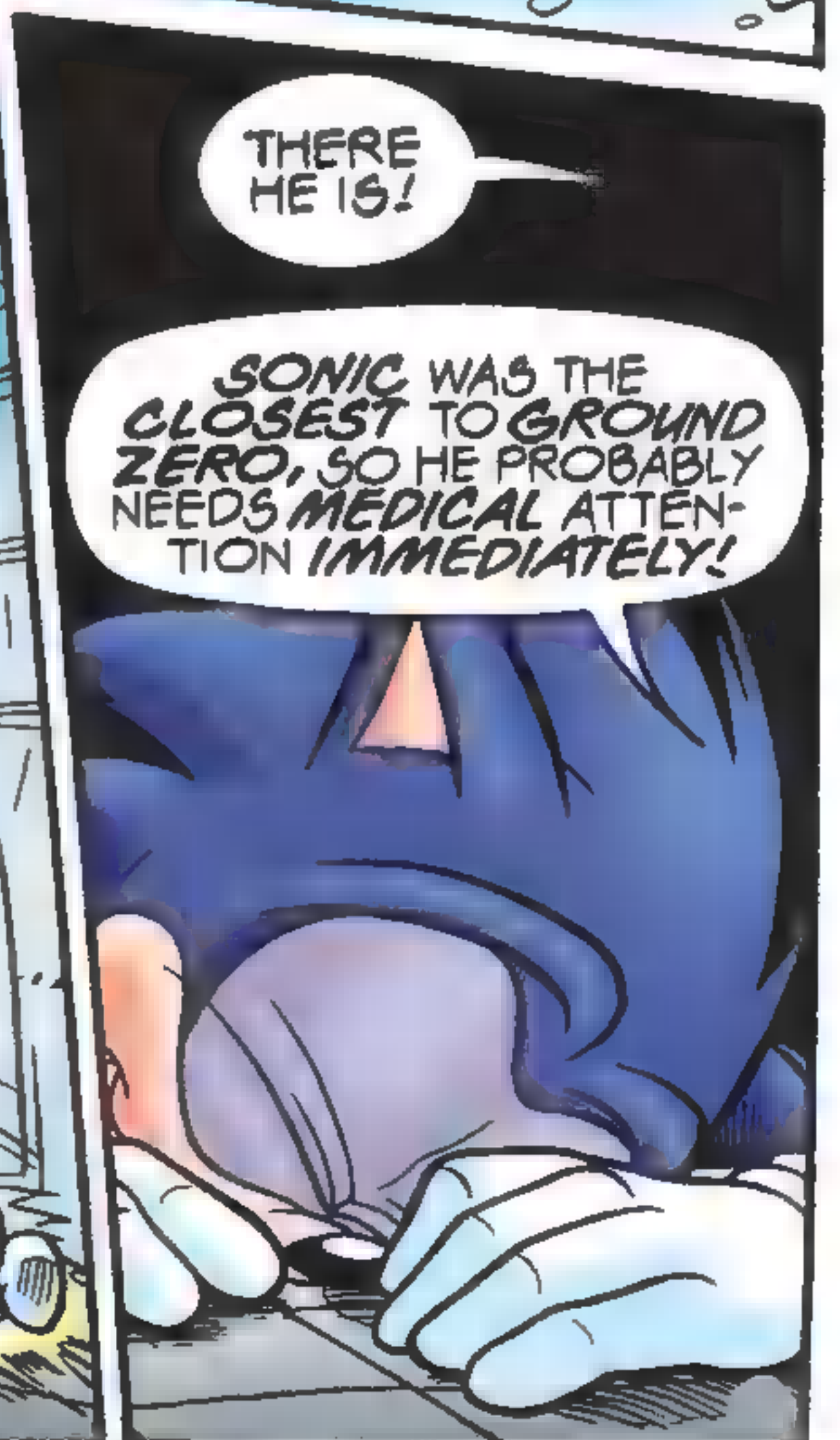




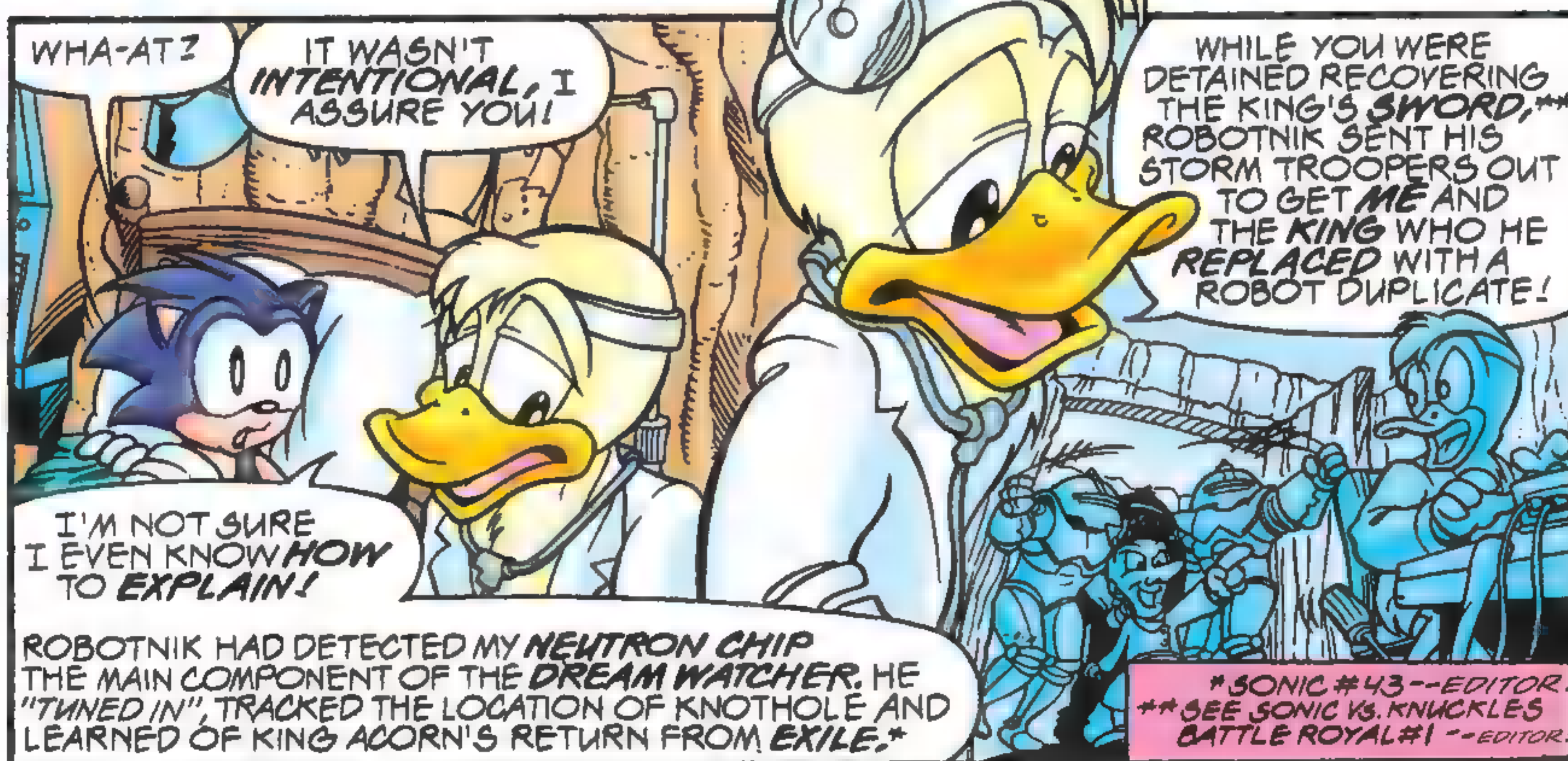
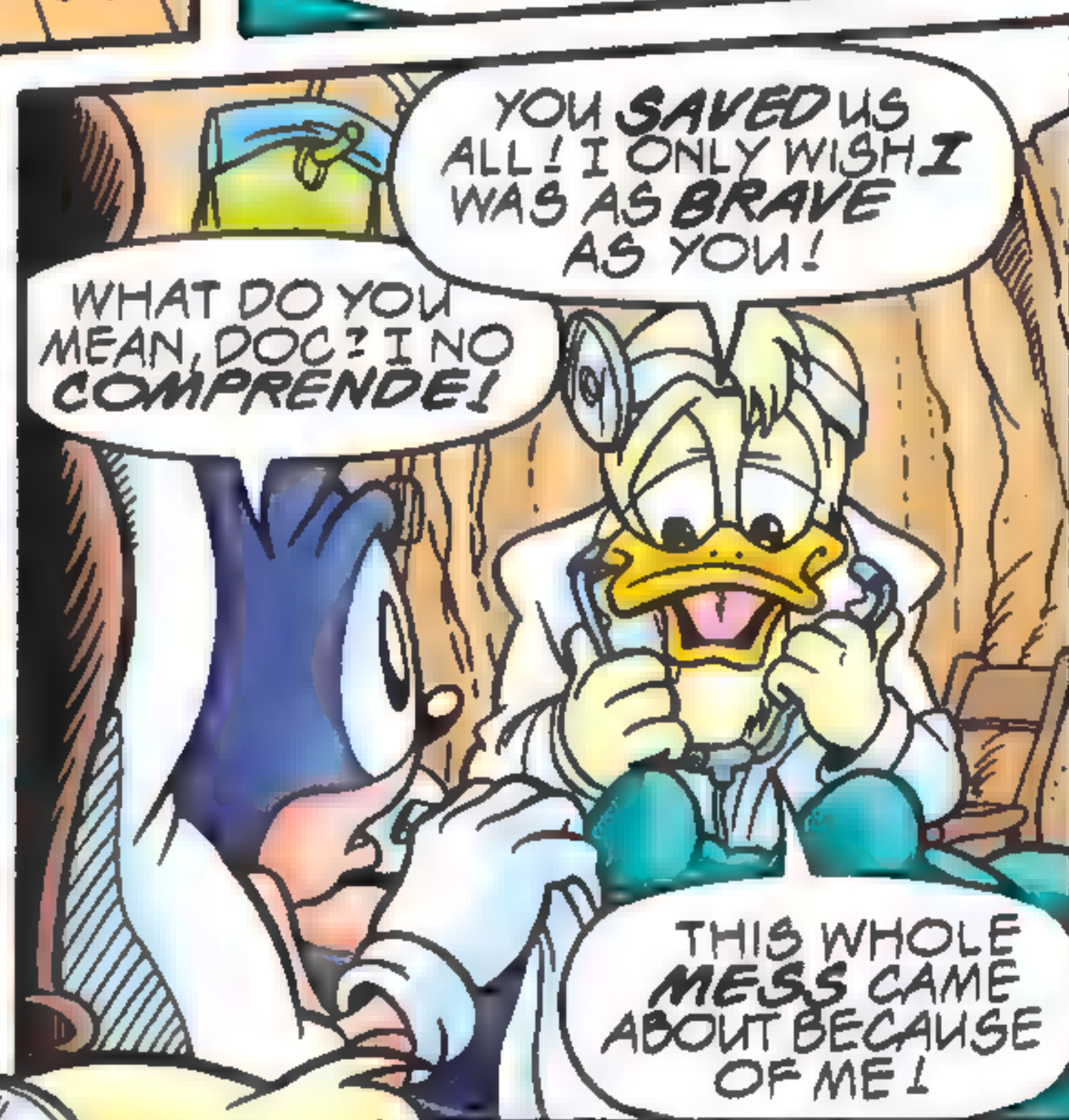
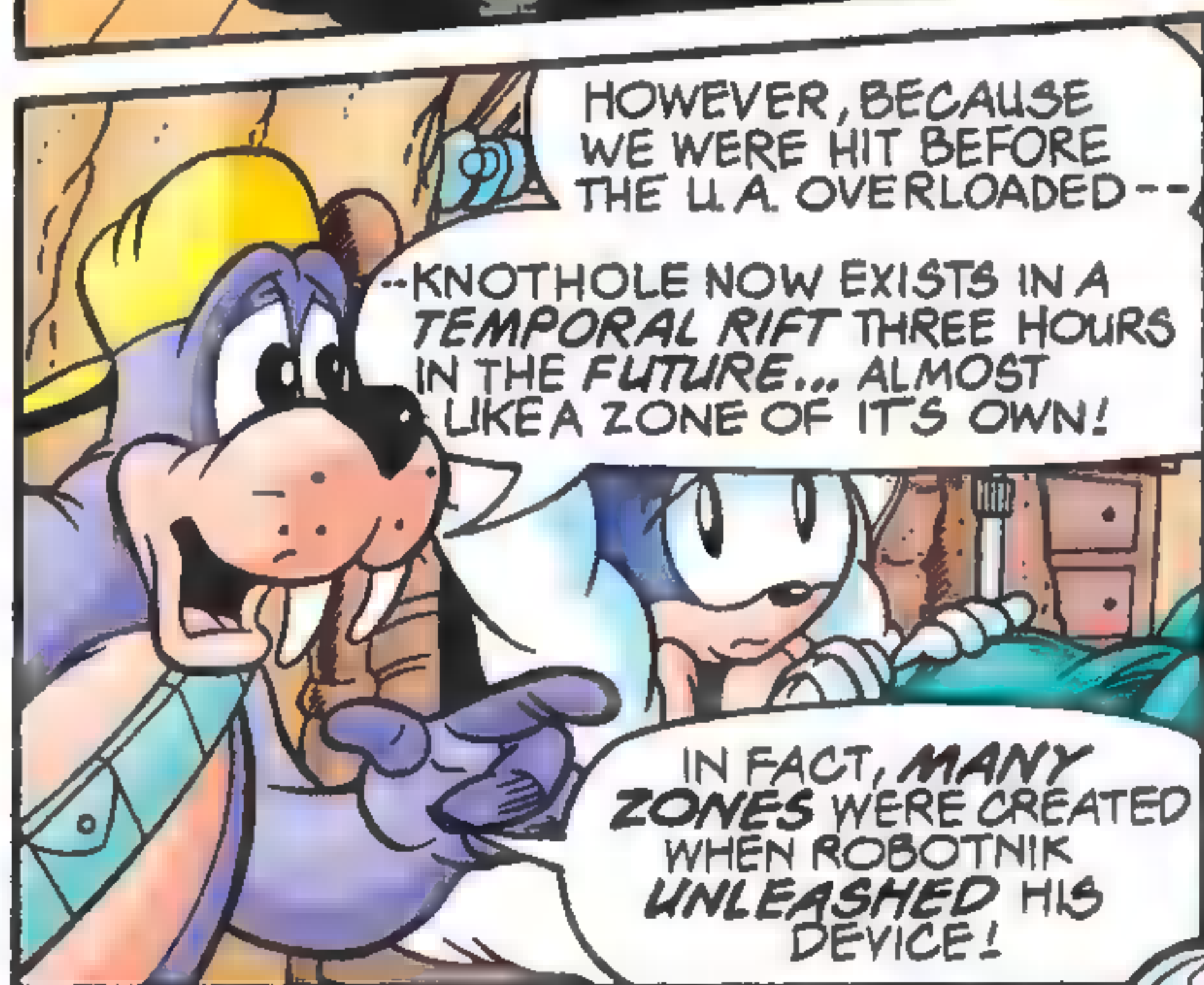
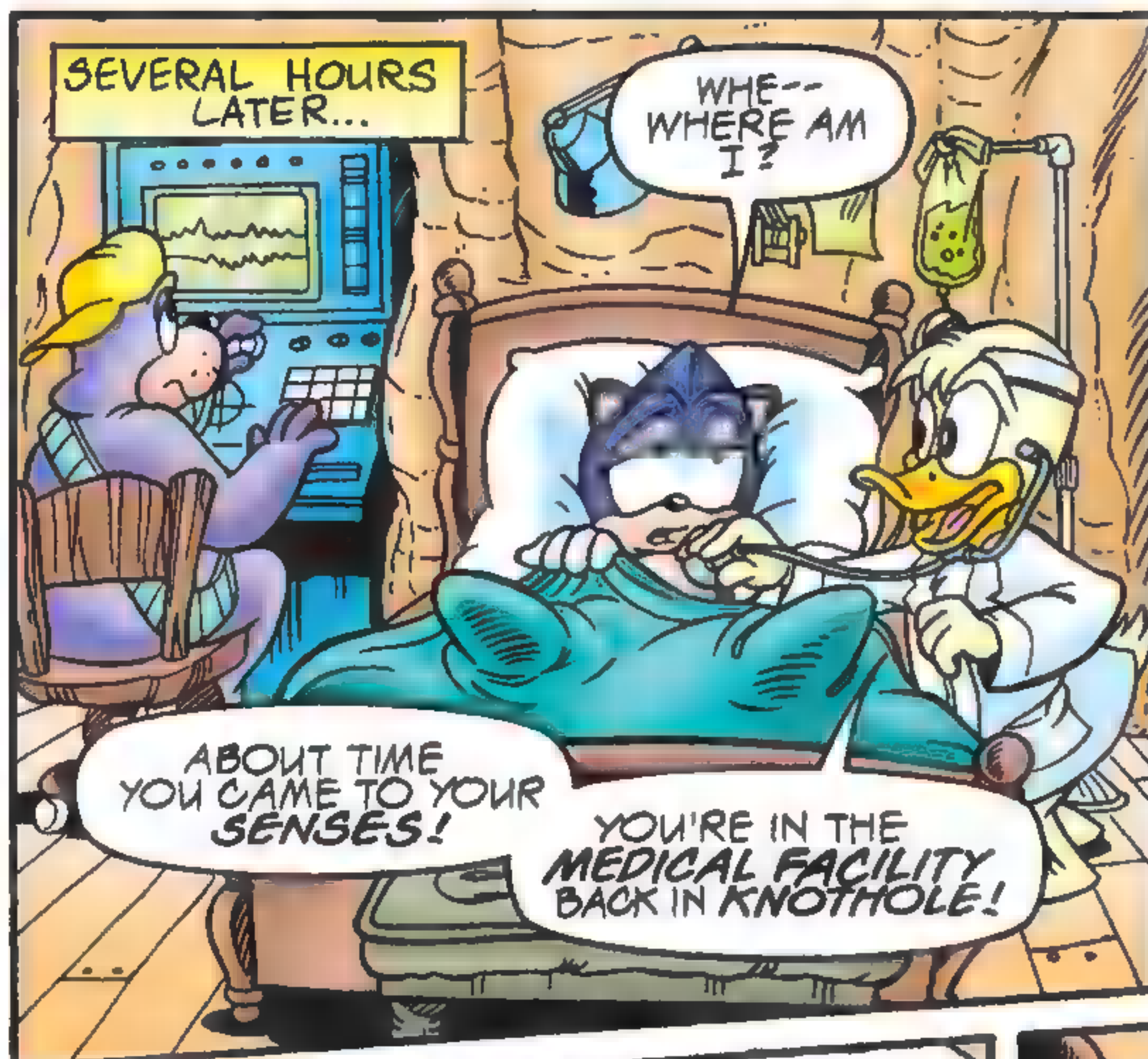




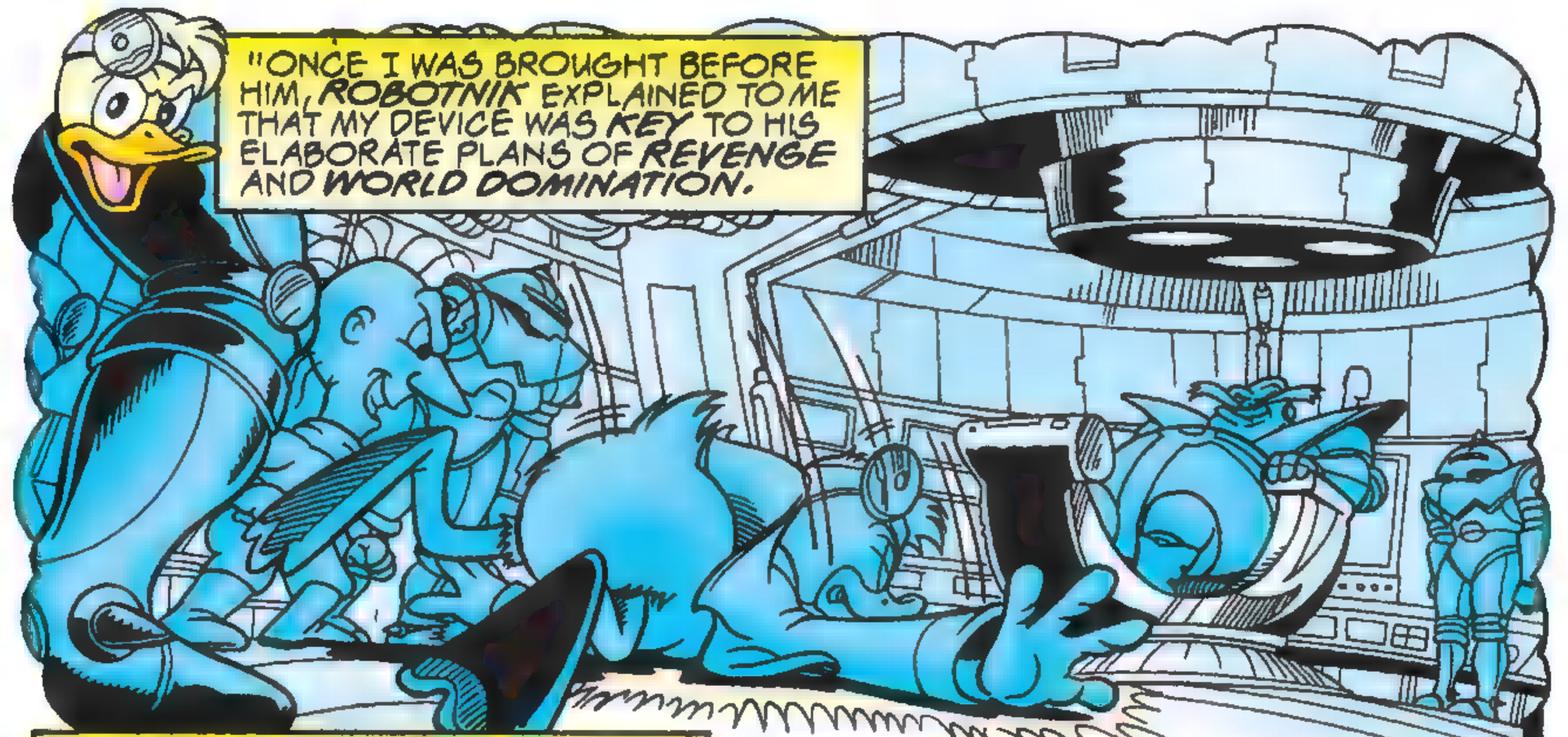












"ONCE I WAS BROUGHT BEFORE HIM, **ROBOTNIK** EXPLAINED TO ME THAT MY DEVICE WAS KEY TO HIS ELABORATE PLANS OF **REVENGE** AND **WORLD DOMINATION**.

"AT FIRST I **REFUSED** TO HELP, BUT WHEN HE HAD **SNIVELY** KIDNAP MY **WIFE** AND **CHILDREN**, I WAS LEFT WITH **LITTLE CHOICE**.

"SINCE HE WAS **AFRAID** YOU MIGHT **INTERFERE**, **ROBOTNIK** APPEALED TO **DRAGO'S GREED** AND **LUST** FOR THE **EASY LIFE**.

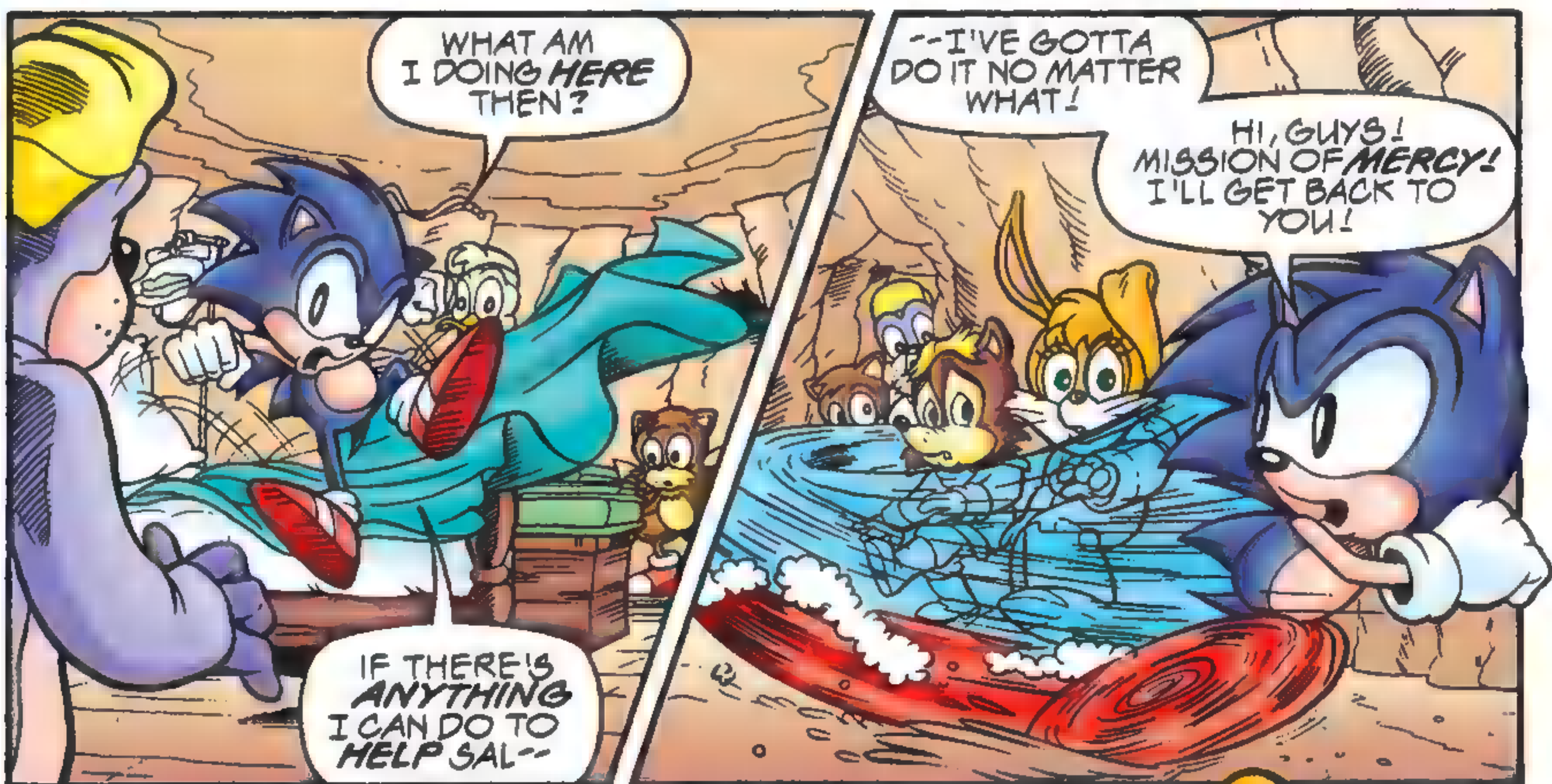
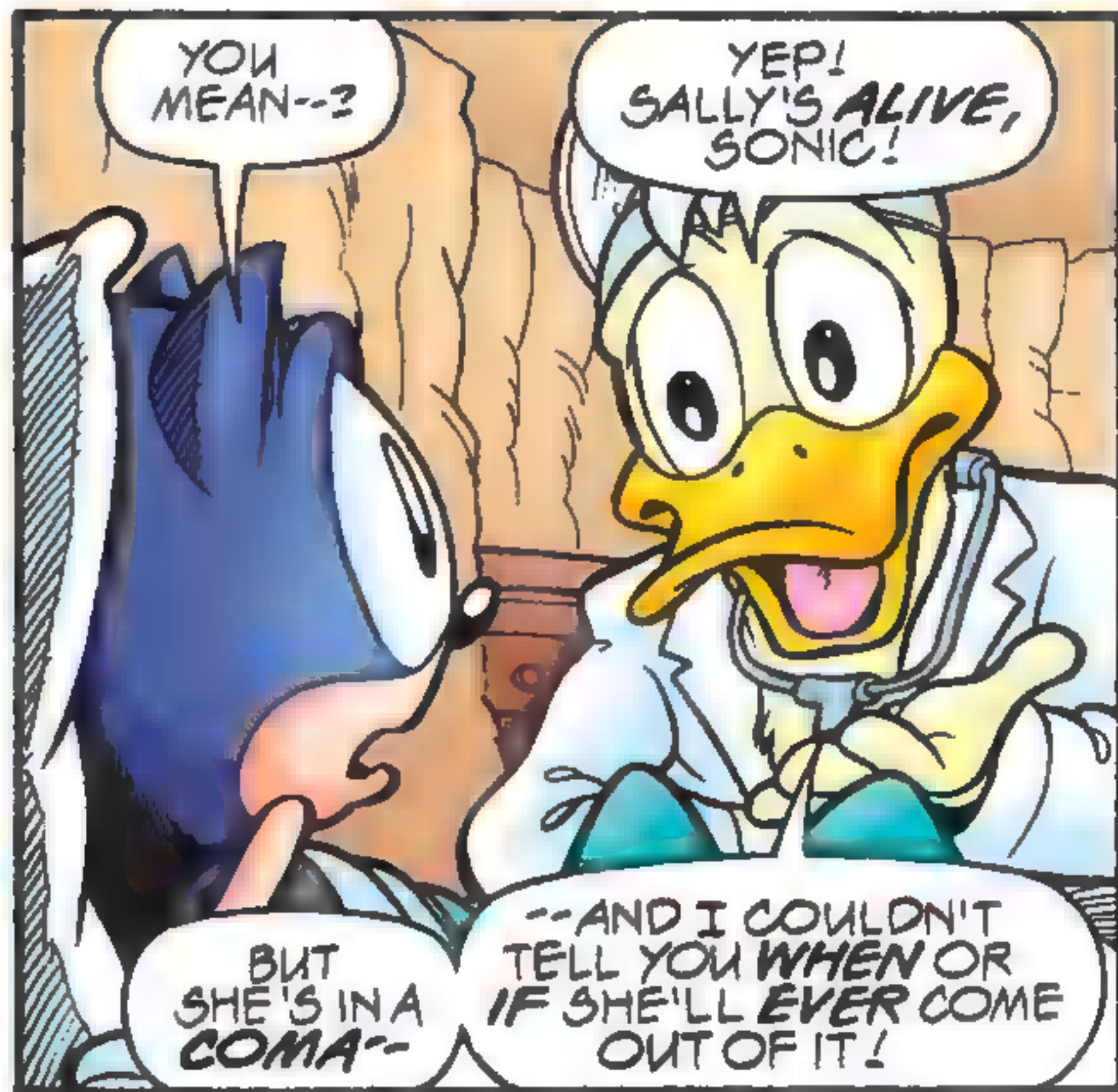
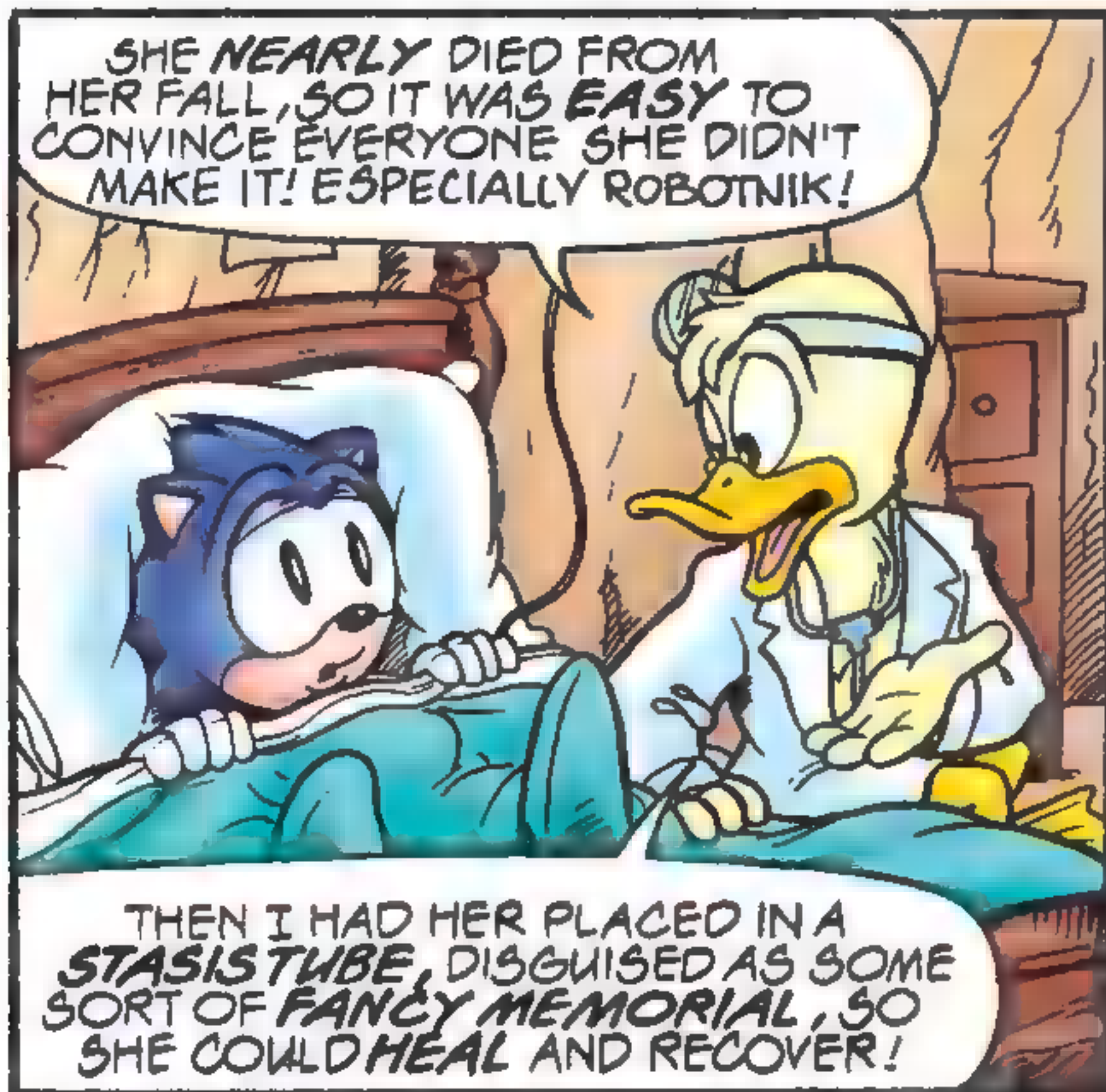
"IN TURN, **DRAGO** SET YOU UP USING **SALLY** AS THE **FALL GI--Er--BAIT!**

"BUT **ROBOTNIK** DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT HIS NEPHEW **SNIVELY** HAD **OTHER PLANS**. I NOTICED HE **ALTERED** THE **ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR** TO AFFECT **ONLY ONE ORGANIC PATTERN** OUT OF THE MANY ORIGINALLY **PROGRAMMED**.

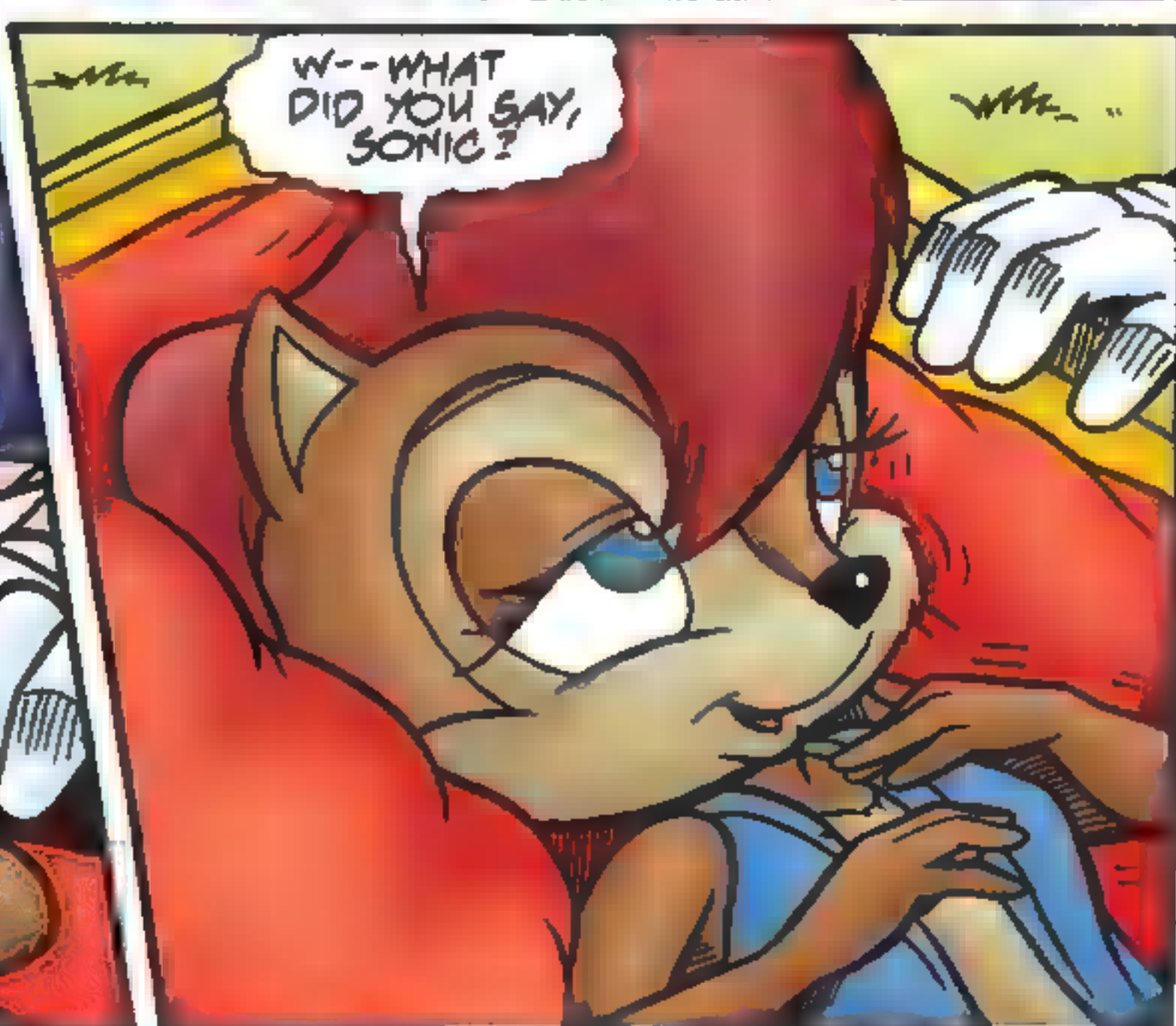
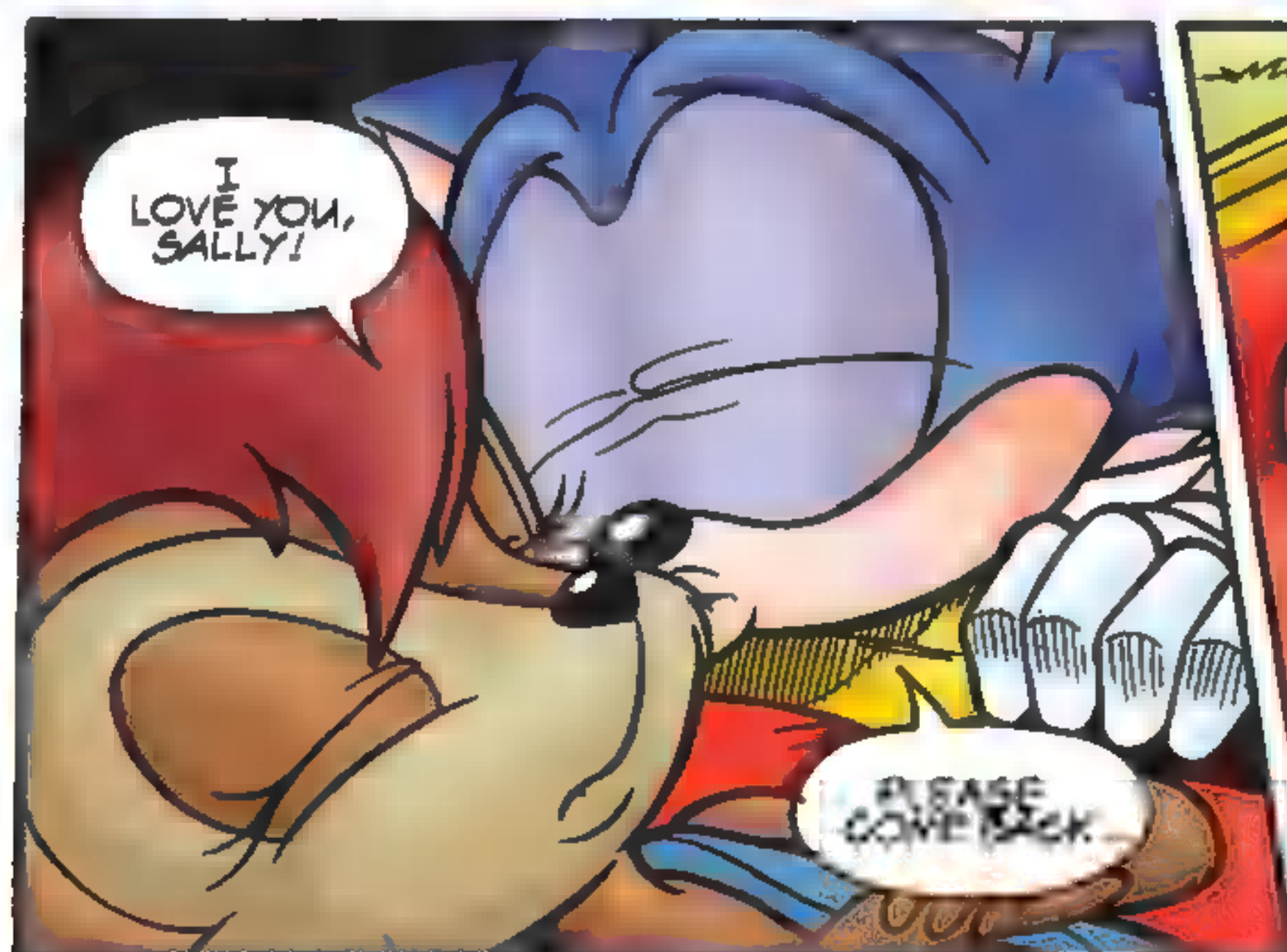
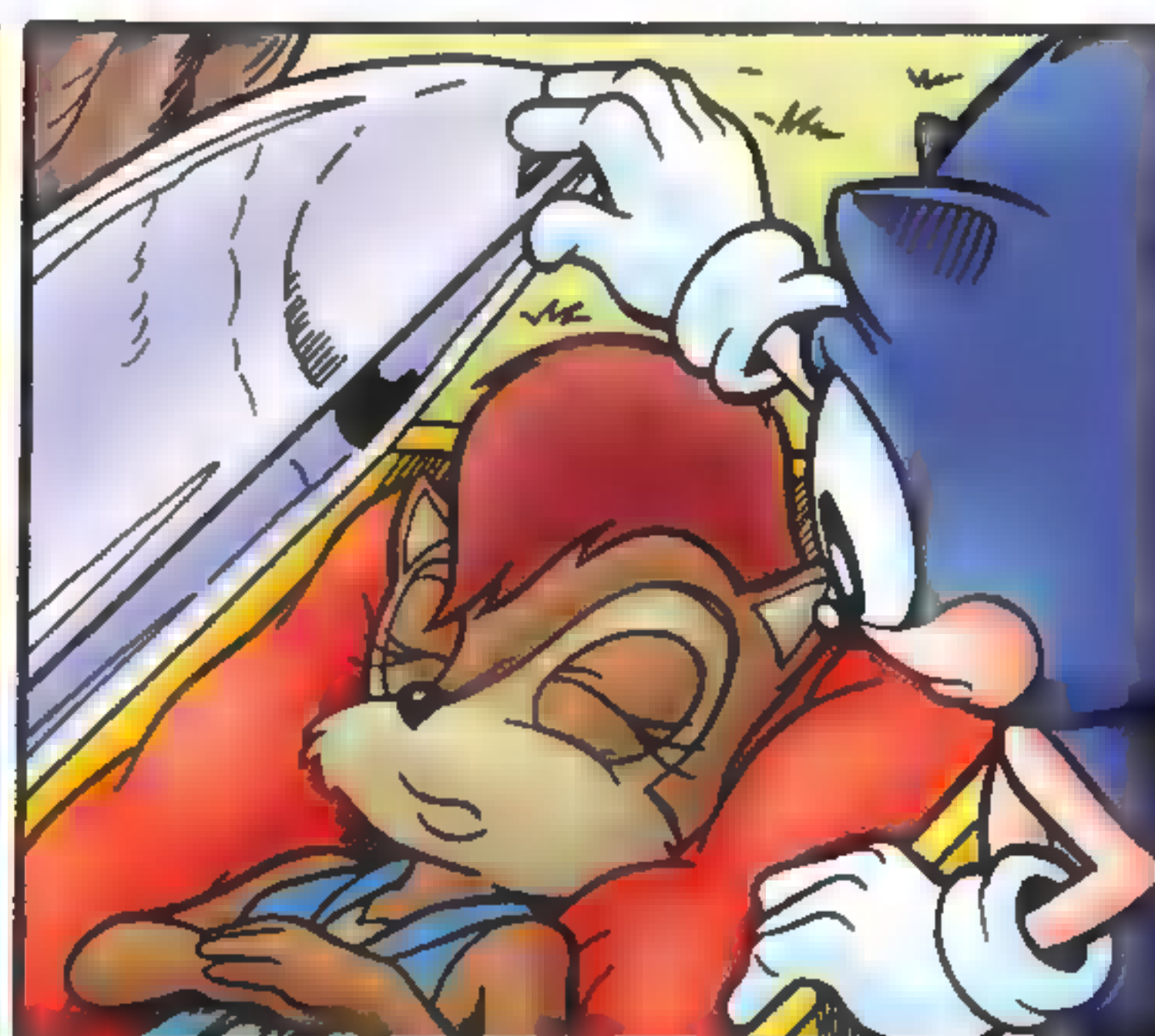
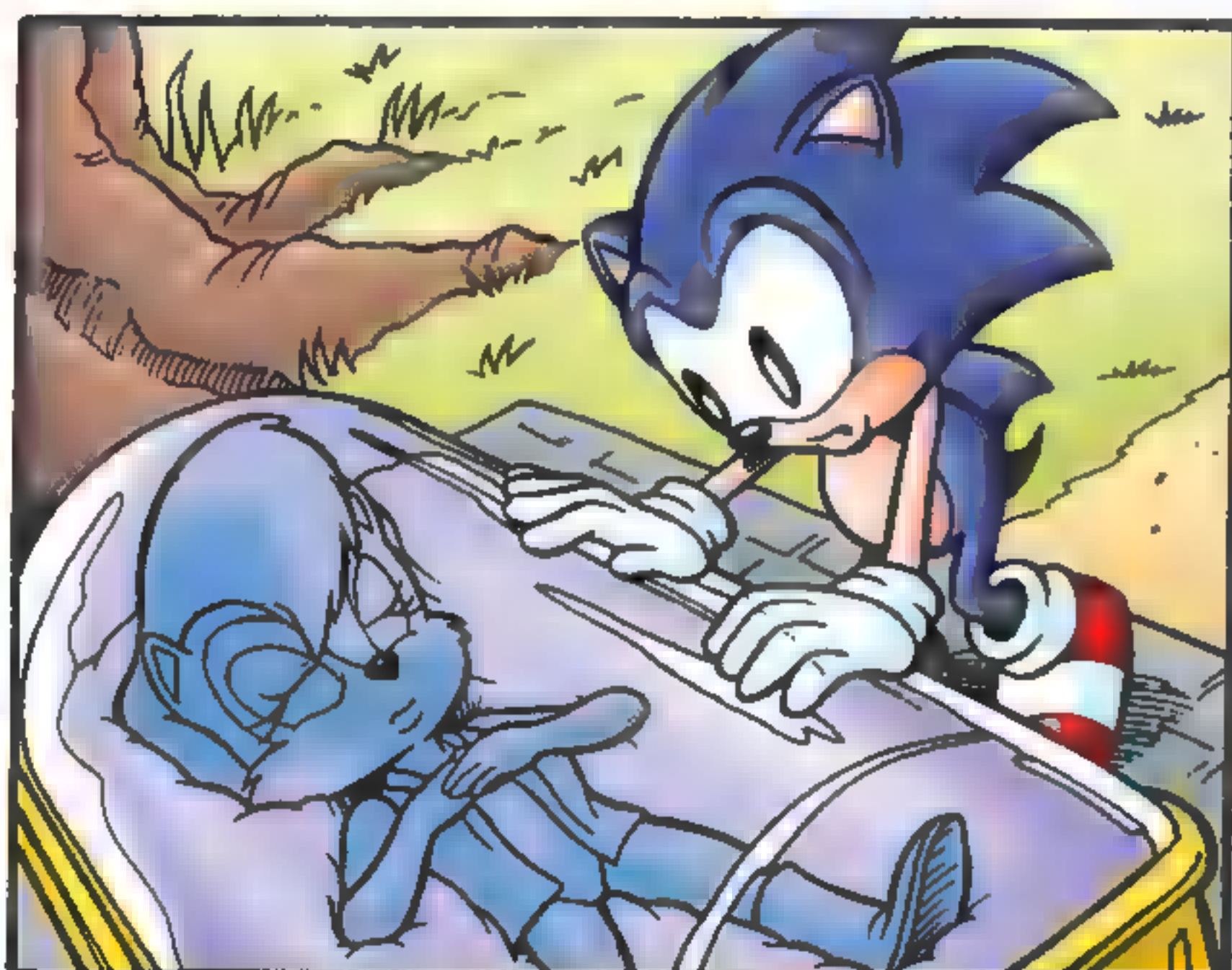
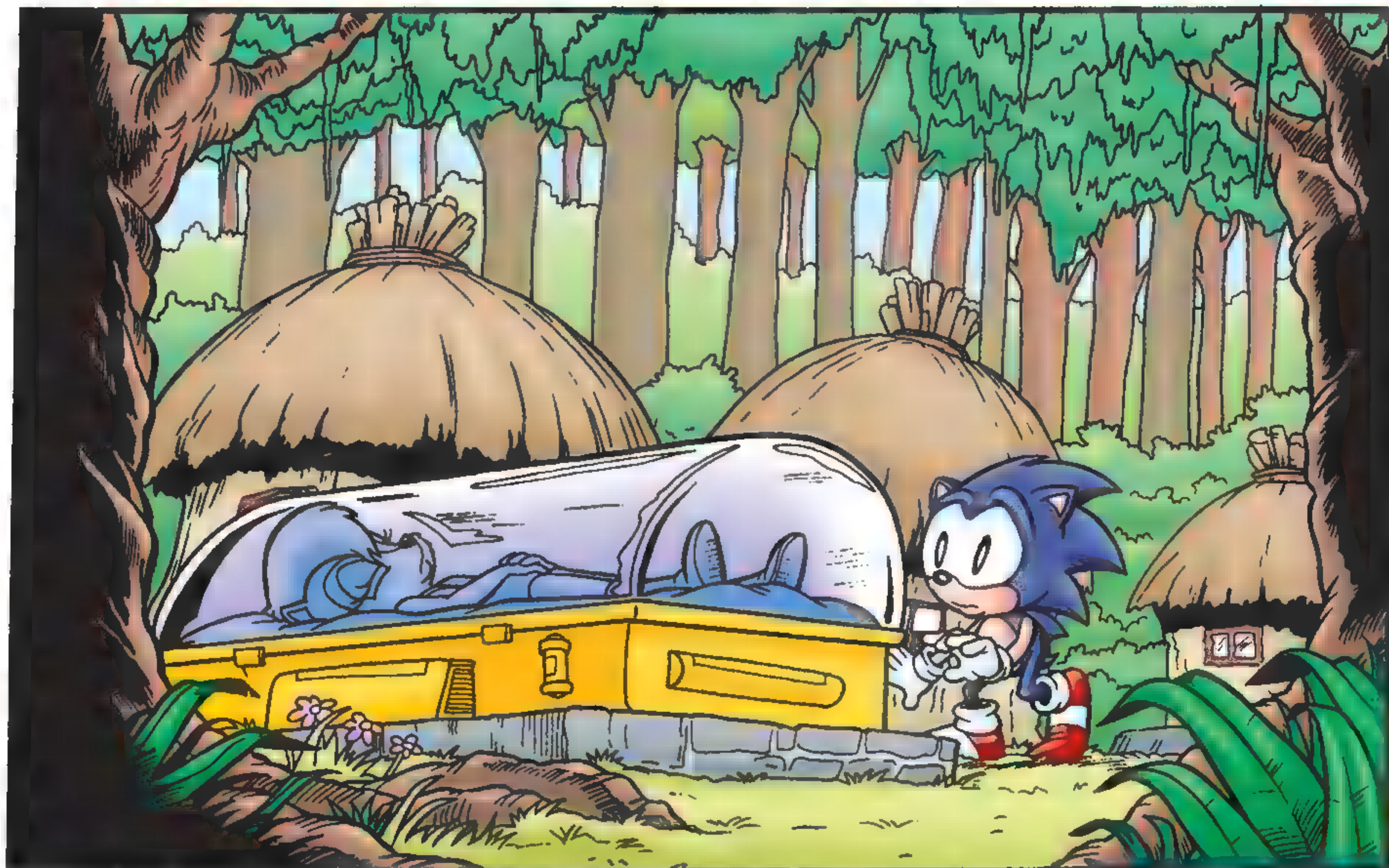
SINCE ONLY **ROBOTNIK** COULD NOW BE AFFECTED BY THE DEVICE, I KEPT **QUIET** AND **PRAYED** **EVENTS** WOULD TAKE THE COURSE THEY **EVENTUALLY** DID!

AND **SALLY?**















I SAID--

I'M JUST  
HAPPY TO SEE  
YOU AGAIN!

AND SO, IT WASN'T LONG  
BEFORE ORDER WAS RESTORED...

DOCTOR QUACK WAS EXONERATED  
DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES,  
AND RESUMED LOOKING AFTER HIS  
PATIENT, KING ACORN.

HERSHEY WAS FOR-  
GIVEN FOR BEING  
DRAGO'S DUPE,  
SHE'S NOW A MODEL  
CITIZEN AGAIN.

MRS. QUACK AND THE  
CHILDREN ARE DOING  
FINE, THANK YOU.

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WELCOMED BACK  
THEIR FRIEND SONIC WITH WIDE OPEN ARMS  
AND BEGAN PLANNING A BIG CELEBRATION

GEOFFREY ST. JOHN WAS  
REINSTATED AS COMMANDER  
OF HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET  
SERVICE. HE AWAITS HIS  
NEXT MISSION.

DRAGO WAS SENTENCED TO THE  
DEVIL'S GHLAG. SOMETHING  
ABOUT A COLD DAY IN A WARM  
PLACE WAS MENTIONED AS TO  
HOW LONG HIS SENTENCE  
WOULD RUN.

AS FOR SNIVELY--  
WELL, THAT'S ANOTHER  
STORY FOR ANOTHER  
DAY!



## WELCOME ONE AND ALL TO OUR TOTALLY AWESOME FIFTIETH ISSUE CELEBRATION!

Sonic The Hedgehog has been running for twenty-five issues since his 100th celebration (and he thought the first twenty-five were tough) and here we are looking to see Sonic run fifty more. I think he's hedgehog enough to do it! Don't you?

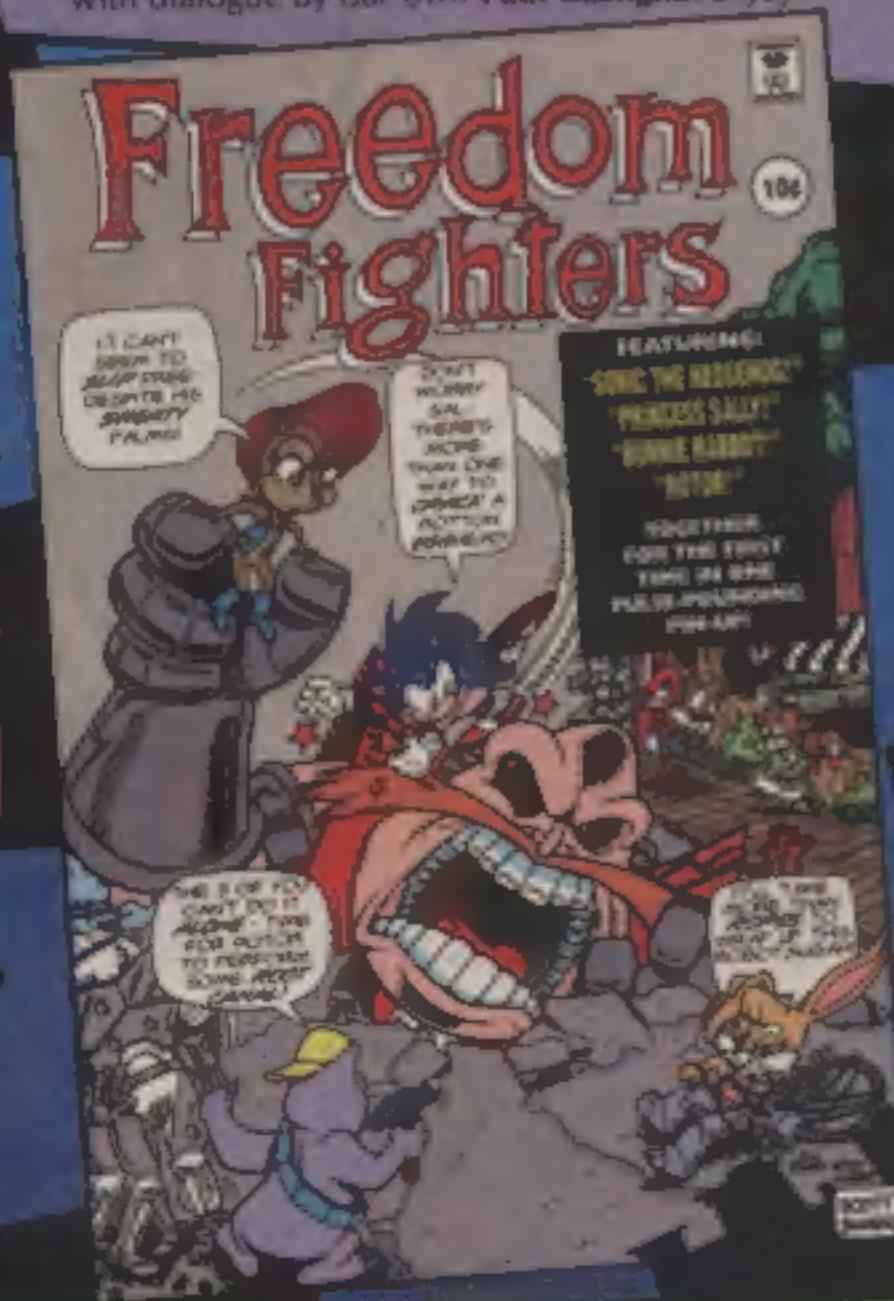
Guiding the adventures of our favorite blue hedgehog has been as exciting as a runaway roller coaster ride!! Hopefully, it's been just as much fun for you to read it as it was for us to create it. Speaking of which, I'd like to thank all the Sonic writers and artists who have participated in creating the last fifty issues. I'd also like to thank our contacts Susan Suarez and Cynthia Wilkes at Sega of America and Helen Ball at Strategy Licensing. Special thanks go to our intern Bianca Guglielmo for all her help.

Sonic and all The Freedom Fighters would like to dedicate this issue to you and all of Sonic fandom for your support! None of this could have been done without it!

*Ken Penders*

P.S.: Look for *Sonic Underground* Ken Penders at the San Diego Comic Con, July 17-20!

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Here now for your enjoyment is the final act,  
showcasing Sonic's finest hour...